LATHAMS

# NEW AND SECOND BOOKE OF FAVLCONRY:

Concerning the ordering and training vp of all such HAVVKES as was omitted or left vnmentioned in his printed Booke of the *Haggard Faulcon* and *Gerfaulcon*, namely, the *Goshawke* and *Tassell*, with the *Sparhawke*, the *Lanner* and *Lanneret*, as they are diuided in their generation: the *Hobby* and *Marlyn* in their kindes: Teaching approued Medicines for all such infirmities and diseases as are incident to them.

Published for the delight of Noble mindes, and instruction *of yong* Faulconers *in all things pertaining to this Art.*

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# TO THE RIGHT

Worſhipfull and Noble-minded Gentleman, Sir *Patricke Hume* Knight, *Maſter Faulconer to the Kings moſt excellent* Majeſtie, *S. E.* wiſheth all increaſe of Honours in this life, and eternall happineſſe in the world to come.

*WORTHY SIR:*

THe wings of my vndeſeruing Muſe (improued on with the good opinion of her *Patron*) heretofore preſumed to ſoare Hawke-high; yet as then I ſpake par-

particular: but now (as well for the propagation of the noble ſport, as for the explanation of the effects of nature) I preſume to dedicate to your noble Iudgement in that ſport, a generalitie of definitions in *Hawkes*, both in Names and Natures: the perfection of my paines (like a Diamond ſet in gold) reſts in the truth of your opinion. And as in the naturall motion of the heauens, the greater circumference euer moues the leſſer; ſo (I make no queſtion) if your deſeruing iudgement giue me approbation, all other cenſures will conſequently leuill with your Ayme: I ſo far tooke acquaintance of preſumption to chuſe you for my Patron, being aſſured your Iudgment

ment will giue a more luſtre to my labours. Vertue I doe make my Miſtriſſe; and finding her keepe open houſe in your addicted inclination; I thought no toyle laborious to attaine reſt in ſuch a harbour. If your charitie refuſe to patronize this poore expreſſion of a well wiſher, I wiſh it had been ſtill borne: but my hope is, your noble Nature will both giue it life, and nouriſh it; for which I ſhall euer reſt,

*Not more deuoted then*

*indebted to your vertue,*

S. L.

# To the Courteous Reader.

*IT is now foure yeares past (gentle Reader) since, importuned by some of my speciall friends, I tooke vpon me in satisfaction of their earnest request, to write my first Booke of the* Haggard Faulcon Gentle; *for which they then shewed me many likelihoods and reasons how much the same might profit; and how well of diuers sorts of people, especially of young men and*

A *learners,*

*learners, the labour might be accepted. Neuertheleſſe, by aduertiſement of the Printers, and alſo through the report of others, I haue vnderſtood the contrarie; and that being but as it were a Booke in particular, treating of an* Hawke, *it was refuſed and ſlightly accounted of by many; whoſe wills and affections were formerly fixed on other ſubiects. For which cauſe I haue here, although vnskilfully and vnwiſely, vndertaken a courſe quite contrarie to my owne diſpoſition, and altogether diſagreeing with my former will and affection; as vnto things for the moſt part of little or no deſeruing, to preſcribe rules of Art, words of praiſe and commendation. Yet on the former conſiderations, as alſo at the earneſt ſuit and reimportunity of my friends, I do intend to perſeuere in my purpoſe, and in a ſhort Treatiſe once againe to lay downe a* Hawke, *not as the onely ſubiect of my profeſſed Art, but a worke of my deuice. And the* Goſhawke *is ſhe, the which I am determined to ſpeak of, with ſhew and declaration of her properties*

*and*

*and nature; and generally of all such other* Hawks *as were omitted, and are amongst vs ordinary at this present day, namely, the* Tassell *of the* Goshawke, *the* Sparhawke, *and* Lanneret, *as they are diuided in their kindes, the* Hobby, *and the* Marlin; *the one belonging to the young man; the other pertaining to the Ladie. But first, I purpose to begin with the* Ostringer *himselfe, and with his* Hawke *as she is wilde, compared with other fowles of the ayre; and of their naturall awe they haue of the man, and fearfulnesse aboue all other creatures. Secondly, of the* Spaniell, *and the society there ought to be betweene the man, the* Hawke, *and himselfe. Thirdly, with directions to the* Ostringer, *and instructions to the nouice. Fourthly, of the difference in the manner of flying of the* Goshawke *compared with the long winged* Hawke, *which the* Ostringer *ought to obserue. Fiftly, of the* Goshawke, *compared to the* Lanner, *for her soundnesse and long lasting; the which dependeth vpon the wel ordering & gouerning of her keeper.*

*And laſtly, how the beſt and skilfulleſt* Oſtringer *ought to ioyne both care and continuall attendance with his beſt skill and knowledge, to preſerue his* Hawkes *health and life withall.*

## An acknowledgement of the Authors *loue and thankefulneſſe to his* firſt Maſter and founder.

AND *furthermore, let me condemne my ſelfe of former forgetfulneſſe, and not be vnmindfull againe of the right worſhipfull maſter* Henry Sadler *of Euerly, who was my firſt and louing Maſter, and from whom I had my Art and vnderſtanding kindly ſhewed me, obſcuring no rules or skill from me, wherein he was nothing inferior then to any* Gentleman *whateuer of his reputation or reckoning. He, I confeſſe, it was that taught mee the way to liue,*

*liue, although I had had no other meanes: For which, in all loue and thankefulneſſe, I ſubmit my ſelfe vnto him, and (if hee bee yet liuing) ought alſo daily to pray for him, ſo long as it ſhall pleaſe God to alot him time in this world.*

# In commendation of the Au-thor and his Booke.

NAture a Table of delightfull cates,
Hath richly furniſh'd out for all eſtates.
He is a ſullen gueſt, that when he may
Feed at his choice, hungry departs away.
Hawking is one faire Diſh, if rich men would
Vſe it, not as they do, but as they ſhould.
But becauſe circumſtances make or marre
Pleaſure, that in themſelues indifferent are:
Wrõg not your ſelues in that which you allow;
Which to obſerue you may here ſtudie how.
Conſult it, practiſe it: and ſo you ſhall (withall.
Well man your *Hawkes*, manage your ſelues
Neuer hath Engliſh man in publicke ſort
Giuen fairer orders for ſo noble ſport.

*T. A.*

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## new, and ſecond Booke of FAVLCONRY.

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*Of the* Goſhawke *compared with other* Fowles *of the aire, as they are vnreclaimed and wilde; and of the awe and fearfulneſſe they haue of man aboue all other creatures.*

MAny an Oſteringer accounts that ſo ſoone as he hath reclaimed his *Hawke*, taught her to draw and come againe to his fiſt, that euen ſo ſoone he may preſume and be bold to go with her to the field or couert, and make her do his will; but it is not ſo. And he,

whatſoeuer he be that ſo thinketh, ſhall be deceiued in his expectation: for I haue known my ſelf diuers and ſundrie of the beſt mettelled *Hawkes*, with that ſlight and ſimple conceit to haue been vtterly ſpoyled, euen quickly, and for euer beaten out of loue with their Keeper, his Spaniels, and the game he hath flone and entred them firſt vnto; which ſhal hereafter more plainly appeare and be proued vnto you.

Firſt, you are to vnderſtand, that all *Hawkes* whatſoeuer in their owne nature and kinde, do of all other creatures, that God hath made and framed to perfection, moſt dread and feare the man. As for example, do but obſerue the wilde *Hawke*, or other *Fowls* that are bred in ſtrange or forrein countries, where as few or no people be; let thoſe birds that comes at paſſage into theſe parts or other places, and in their owne deſires being moued thereunto, do offer to fall or light where as diuers and ſundrie ſorts of beaſts or cattell be, yet without much timeritie or fearfulneſſe, they will very often and amongſt them all euen make their ſtay: on the contrary part, when ſoeuer they do but fixe their eyes on one mans very proportion, they will not abide; no, they will hardly by any art, with ſtale annexed thereunto, bee drawne or tempted to ſtoope within his view: which ſtrange behauiour of theirs doth manifeſtly proue, and ſhew how timerous and dreadfull they be of him. Therefore if he do couet to haue, or will haue one or any of thoſe

kinde

kinde of wilde *Creatures* to be at his command and familiar with him, that by nature and kinde are altogether shye and fearfull of him; he must first when he hath them, draw and win them by his continuall louing and curteous behauiour towards them, in his art and outward manner of dealing with them. For of all *Hawks* in the world (the *Goshawke*) as she is a stately and braue bird to behold; so is she also as coy, nice, and curious to be handled & dealt withall. And will as soone obserue and vnkindly accept against any rough or harsh behauiour from the man, towards her: on the contrarie, being artificially and kindly reclaimed and vsed, she will be as louing and fond of her Keeper, as any other *Hawke* whatsoeuer.

## CHAP. II.

### *Of the* Spaniel, *and the societie there ought to be betweene the man, the* Hawke, *and himselfe.*

THe *Spaniel* is so kinde a creature, that of all other, the man doth most respect and chuse to attend and wait vpon him euery where, as well at home in his chamber, as at his table and trencher. And further, for his delight abroad in all other places, so well he doth accept and account of his company: and truly no maruell why; but that he should be of him so well estee- Of the Spaniel

med and delighted in. For it hath beene affirmed of him for veritie, that if in the night-time there hath beene or ſhould be, any euil thing neare vnto his maſter, whom he doth wait on, although he is not bound or tyed vnto him, but might therefore take to his feet and runne quite from him, yet otherwiſe he will be ſo exceeding fond in his loue towards him, as that inſtead of that, he will ſtay ſtill with him, and with lamentable mone and whining, will euen creepe and crawle about his legges to giue him warning. Furthermore, if in the day time any euill fall through tempeſt of thunder, lightening, or any other euill blaſt, the poore louing *Spaniel* is ſure of it to taſte, to ſet his maſter free. And therefore of all other creatures, I hold him in his owne nature and kindly loue, to be moſt neare familiar and in true ſubiection with the man, euer deſirous to be with him, and neuer willing to be abſent, or out of the way from him, but ſtill watchfull and diligent to do him ſeruice. So likewiſe, of all other things, the *Hawke* in her own inclination doth as much feare, and is terrified at the ſight of him, he being one ſo neare as in continuall ſocietie or company keeping with the man. Wherefore it behoueth euery one that loueth and deſireth to keepe the *Goſhawke*, to bee ſo carefull, that by his art and beſt endeuour, hee doe frame and faſhion, as it were, a league of loue and familiar vnitie, betweene them, I meane the *Man*, the *Hawke*, and the *Spaniel*; the which to accompliſh and bring

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to perfection, I will according to my own iudgement and vnderstanding hereafter shew you.

## CHAP. III.

### *Instructions for the* Osteringer *to obserue.*

I Would haue you vnderstand, that as many a *Faulconer* passeth ouer the time hee hath with his *Hawke*, & for want of true knowledge and vnderstanding, neuer finds out that goodnes in her, which in her own nature and disposition shee is able to performe. So also ofttimes the *Osteringer* with his *Goshawk* doth spend his time in vaine, for want of the like knowledge and perfect experience in his Art; for there is very few of that kinde, but through skill and painfull practise may be made good: if neither for *Fesant* nor *partridge*, the which are most mens vsuall delights, yet for some other thing, whereby her Keeper may be pleased, and she her self deserue a due reward. For all of them, as they are wilde and vnreclaimed, are able sufficiently to shift for themselues, and kill sundrie kindes of prey to sustaine their owne wants withall. If that be so, wherefore then should not a skilful keeper, by his art, paines, and discretion, cause any of them to do the like for him?

He that giues not due attendance, shall neuer attaine to perfect knowledge.

For a young man to lie long in bed, & be slothfull, is a vice detestable.

## Chap. IIII.

*Of the difference in the manner of flying of the* Goshawk, *compared with the other, which the* Osteringer *ought to obserue.*

Difference in their flight.

HEre is further to bee noted, that as in the obseruation of euery *Faulconer*, there is much difference in the manner of flying of their long winged *Hawkes* to be marked: so also is there by the *Ostringer* with is short winged *Hawke*, as great a matter to bee obserued: for as some *Faulcon* or long winged *Hawke* being slone to the field, is as it were, vnable to ouertake the *Partridge* at the first flight on forhead, but is taught by nature, and also inforced further by nurture, to clime and mount aloft vpon the mark, for her better aduantage, and after that manner kill it at the downecome: so on the contrary there is some others, that

that onely trusteth to their swiftnesse, to prey at their will and pleasures on what they listeth. Likewise for the short-winged *Hawkes*, they are as much different in their kinde; for the swift and fast flying *Hawke* doth master her prey, when she is disposed, and forceth it to yeeld through the swiftnesse of her maine wings: contrariwise, the slower flying *Hawke* or slugge doth winne what she gets most by her policie, wherein being reclaimed, she ought to bee taught and furthered by the industrie and art of her Keeper.

## Chap. V.

### *Of the nature of the* Goshawke *compared with the* Lanner, *for her soundnesse and long lasting; the which dependeth vpon the well ordering and gouerning of her Keeper.*

THe *Goshawke* is a *Hawke* of a hot nature, and stronger constitution then any other *Hawke* that I my selfe haue known, of what kind soeuer: for in my obseruation she is seldome or not at all, subiect to be liuer shot, neither euer to haue the sellanders, both which infirmities are verie rife and familiar with our other ordinarie *Hawks*, and also proceeds from much coldnesse, the one of the liuer, the other of the stomacke; from cold, but of heat from cold: because when the

She is euer free of diuers infirmities that other Hawks be subiect vnto

the *Hawke* is once liuer ſhot, at that time the liuer is both cold and rotten; which for the moſt part firſt doth proceed of ſome violent heat taken by extraordinarie meanes and euill vſage; and therefore, I ſay, from immediate and preſent cold, and of foretaken or former heat. Alſo, when ſhe is in the meaneſt and pooreſt eſtate of her body, what meat ſoeuer paſſeth thorow her, is euer conuerted and turned into a liquid and thin ſubſtance; which ſheweth plainly the power of her natural heat and ſtrength of body, ſo long as life remaineth in her.

The power of her naturall heat.

The *Lanner* and *Lanneret* are accounted hard *Hawks*, & the very hardieſt of any kind that are ordinary, or in common vſe amongſt vs at this preſent time: for whēſoeuer commendations ſhall be by many men giuen of the *Goſhawk* or *Tarcel* for their long laſting, or liuing; they will ſimply ſay they be as hard as the *Lanner*. But that ought not to be ſo affirmed or beleeued, but with ſome exception, as touching the iudgement and skill of their Keeper, to be performed towards them in good rule and order, at all times fitting for them; and then I will ioyne with them, and ſay indeed, they bee ſound *Hawkes*, and as ſound and hard of ward as the *Lanner*; for you are to vnderſtand thus much of her naturall inclination, which is, that ſhe is a *Hawke* full of ſtoutneſſe and courage, and will not incline her ſelfe, neither be forced to bee conformable in any reaſonable and meane temper vnto her Keepers will

Care in the Keeper preſerueth life.

will, in the time of her pride and fulneſſe; when as ſhee ought by labour and practiſe to bee inſeamed and made ready for his purpoſe, but is and will be frowardly diſpoſed, and prone to vnrulineſſe and extreame bating in that ſeaſon; which is the cauſe generally that one of them requireth more labour and attendance of her Keeper, then any other *Hawke* whatſoeuer of contrarie kinde: neuertheleſſe, oftentimes through theſe extreames, and in thoſe times, they doe haſte and ſhorten their owne dayes.

The nature of the Goſhawke.

Contrariwiſe, as touching the *Lanner*, for the moſt part ſhee is as meeke and gently diſpoſed, and ſeldome or neuer will of her owne accord, or through other prouocation bee made to bate, or forced to any extraordinary vnrulineſſe during the time of her inſeaming; but will wholly diſpoſe her ſelfe to quietneſſe, and indure all things continually with patience; which is the onely cauſe, and wherefore thoſe kinde of *Hawkes* by all reaſon muſt needs ouer-laſt the other.

The gentle diſpoſition of the Lanner.

## Chap. VI.

### *Of the skilfull* Ostringer, *and how he may through his negligence as soone destroy and kill his* Hawke, *as one of more slender iudgement.*

HEre is the difference in their seuerall kindes, and it resteth to bee confirmed, as I haue said before; by the skill; and not onely that, but also the care and diligence of their Keeper: for if he be neuer so good a *Faulconer* or *Ostringer*, yet may hee through negligence and mutable affections, oft times suffer the soundest and hardiest *Hawke* to decay and perish for want of due attendance.

The fruits of careleſneſſe in the skilfull Keeper.

For I haue my selfe beene acquainted with some speciall *Faulconers*, whom, if I were disposed, I could name; who, for their skill and experience in their art, haue beene perfectly able first to reclaime, inseame, and make their *Hawkes* to flye; and after with great skill and iudgement to order and manage them in their flights during that season: but afterwards hauing finished and concluded the same, being returned to their home, would there set them downe, and as it were vtterly disclaiming all former acquaintance had with them, would there let them some-

ſometimes ſitte, and other ſometimes hang by the heeles, betaking themſelues for that day or night wholly, to Tables, Cards, Tobacco, or ſome other ſuch vaine delights, whereby and through which cauſe they haue wanted their dues, their dayes haue beene ſhortened, and their liues euen wilfully haſted on to an end.

## CHAP. VII.

### *Inſtructions for the yong man from the Mewe.*

IT is meete the young man that wants experience ſhould haue ſuch light and vnderſtanding ſhewed him by rules and direction, as that in his firſt leſſon hee may bee taught to diſcerne and know what difference there ought to be in the dyet and manner of feeding, with the order belonging to his *Hawke* in her flying time, as alſo when ſhe is in the Mew, and during the time of her being there.

Therefore, if ſhee be a *Hawke* that hath beene formerly flowne, and is to be taken from thence, it is like ſhee will bee fat and full in the higheſt degree with reſt and francke feeding; and there would be great danger in the ſudden drawing of her, The Mew.

her, and it is vnuſuall with men of any iudgement ſo to doe: wherefore it is neceſſarie that ſhee bee fed in the Mew twice euery day, with cleane dreſt and waſht meat, for the ſpace of fixeteene or twenty daies before the intended time of her drawing, to the end ſhe may be at that time well inſeamed of her body, and haue ſcowred forth of her pannell and guts ſuch glut and fatneſſe, with other droſſie ſubſtance, that was ingendred and harboured there; by meanes whereof ſhee will be perfectly freed from any danger that otherwiſe might haue happened afterward vnto her, through her bating or other forcible motion of body, as ſtrugling, ſtriuing, or ſuch like at her drawing, or other times. Then will it be good time to take her from the Mew, when as you muſt haue a ruſter hood in a readineſſe very fit for her; from which time forwards ſhee muſt be continually fed on the fiſt, after the manner formerly preſcribed; alſo to haue caſting euery night duely beſtowed on her.

Neceſſary inſtructions.

This courſe, with continuall cariage on horſebacke and on foot, muſt bee taken with her in her ruſter hood ſome eight or ten dayes longer, and then take it off when you ſhall finde her to bee well reclaimed and inſeamed, and free from all danger, and ready to be called: and with diligence and paines therein, the next weeke will be as ready to flye; and after two or three flights at her firſt entring, may bee put euen to hard flying, and ſhee will receiue no harme thereby, ſhe

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will be ſo perfectly inſeamed; whereas otherwiſe with more haſte ſhee may ſurfet on heate, or with hard and ſhort food, loſe her fleſh, and ſo be ſpoiled for two whole yeares.

## CHAP. VIII:

### *Of the* Goſhawke *taken from the Cage, with other obſeruations for the yong man:*

IF ſhee bee newly taken from the Cage, or thoſe that fetches them from forraine and ſtrange Countries, and takes no more care in their trauell and cariage, but onely to diſpoſe and deliuer them aliue here amongſt vs, for their owne benefit and commodities: There is very few or none of

If ſhe reſt long in the cage, there will be great danger in the ſodaine dealing with her.

thoſe *Hawkes* euer ſo ouer-fraught with fatte or fulneſſe of body, whereby ſhee may take harme with any reaſonable or ordinary bating, or ſtirring on the fiſt, for that ſhee hath beene formerly and vſually acquainted with the ſame in her long and reſtleſſe iourney: wherefore you neede not doubt or feare, but euen ſo ſoone as your leiſure will permit, after you haue her, to begin to practiſe and deale with her, and by your art and beſt indeauour, together with your labour, to man and reclaime her after the manner as ſhall be ſhewed hereafter; onely noting and obſeruing by the way theſe things. Firſt, you are to reclaime and make a wilde *Hawke* and a bird of the ayre, that onely feares you, to become louing and gentle vnto you, and alſo, as it were, to be ſociable and familiar with you. Likewiſe ſhee being by vnskilfull and careleſſe former bad vſage, with vnnaturall dyet and groſſe feeding, ſuffocated and filled full of vncleanneſſe and imperfection; you are through your skill and painefull practiſe, to purge and cleanſe her of thoſe groſſe and ſuperfluous humours, and make her a perfect *Hawke*, and ready with fitneſſe to be reclaimed, and framed for what purpoſe ſoeuer you intend to make her fit.

And that theſe things may well bee accompliſhed and brought to perfection without any artificiall medicine or ſcowring: you ſhall haue the certaine and ſure way deliuered vnto you by rule and inſtruction: yet I know there bee many

many men otherwiſe affected, and will hardly be perſwaded to be thereto conceited. But let them be well adviſed, for I ſpeake not by heare-ſay or imagination, or from any other printed tradition, but by my owne experience and approved concluſion, as ſhall appeare hereafter; yet I may imagine I ſhould not neede to vſe many words for perſwaſion, knowing that many experienced *Oſtringers* vnderſtands the ſame: and for my owne part I can iuſtly affirme that I haue kept ſome few of the kinde, whereof one of them liued with me aboue a dozen yeere, and neuer had, during that time, any kind of phyſicke giuen vnto her; and therefore ſo farre, as out of my owne knowledge I may, I doe wiſh the yong man, that theſe following directions may bee his direct and ſetled courſe in the reclaiming, inſeaming, and keeping his *Hawke*.

Inſtructions for the yong man.

Vſe onely a right and good order in her dyet, with ſweet meate at all times cleane dreſſed, and reaſonably waſhed, or according as he ſhall finde her of gentle or ſtubborne nature; and alſo a meaſurable quantitie to bee giuen vnto her ſo often as hereafter hee ſhall be further inſtructed: likewiſe with caſting duely beſtowed on her, if hee findes her to bee ſound, and to like of caſting of woollen, then let her haue it; but otherwiſe let it be ſuch as agreeth beſt with her owne nature; for there be many right ſound *Hawkes* of that kinde, that will on euery great gorge, through the long keeping of ſuch woollen caſtings, much diſtaſte

distaste them; the hot stench and sauour of them will be so noysome and disagreeing with the stomacke, that workes and striues for the time to disgest what it receiues into it, vntill it findes, as it were, a certaine contending or vnnaturall working against it selfe, & being in nature vanquished and ouercome by the same, it is constrained to yeeld and free it cleerely of it, by restoring or returning it backe to him that gaue it.

The nature of the stomacke.

And to preuent this loathing, or dislike of this kinde of casting, or any euill that might ingender or grow thereby: I haue many yeeres past left off to giue any of them to my *Hawke* at the night time, neither at any time to keepe within her bodie aboue one houre, or two at the most, by my good will. Which course I haue found to be very agreeable with any *Hawke* in health, or in meane estate, and to preuaile as much with her, in scowring or cleansing the place that harbours or containes it, of all superfluous matter therein contained, to the desired wish or contentment of the beholder: for whose further satisfaction, I will here briefely make it plaine vnto you.

If you haue read ouer my other booke of *Faulconrie*, you may remember, or if you do reade it, there you shall finde, that I haue written and discoursed of Castings sufficiently; and shewed the yong *Faulconer*, how hee may at the first making of his *Hawke*, eyther make her therein to loue her casting euer after; or otherwise for want

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of knowledge cauſe her everlaſtingly to hate the ſame, or at leaſt alwayes to be nice and unwilling to take it; which is one moſt vile condition, and doth condemne the Keeper, either in his judge- The caſting.
ment or carefulneſſe, or both; for the beſt or skilfulleſt that is cannot governe ſuch an *Hawke* as ſhe ought to be. And becauſe I haue written ſo largely before, I will now briefly let you underſtand, that at the firſt reclaiming and making, is the time to teach her, when as with good meat cleane dreſſed and waſhed, and reaſonable gorges of the ſame, with the like time adioyned, you muſt get her a good ſtomacke before you proffer her one caſting, and then ſhee will not bee nice or curious to take it; alwayes being mindefull that it be no more in quantitie, but that ſhe may well and eaſily ſwallow; and then when ſhee hath ſo done, preſently put on her hood, and ſuddenly giue her one bit or two of meat to pleaſe her withall; then make a little ſtay, vntill you perceiue aſſuredly that ſhe hath put it downe into her pannell; which being perceiued, put on her hood againe, and giue her a reaſonable ſupper: and this courſe it is fit ſhould be taken with her continually, as after the receit of her caſting, as you haue heard, to let her ſit in her hood vntill ſhee hath put it into her pannell, and you ſhall ſee it will not be long before ſhee will vnderſtand what ſhe ſhould do; and in all loue vnto it, will haſten without any niceneſſe to take it euen of it ſelfe, expecting a preſent reward after ſhe hath receiued

it, alſo otherwiſe it is verie neceſſarie to hold this courſe. For I haue ſeene my ſelfe ſome men, that before their caſting were any whit downe their *Hawkes* throat, would follow her ſo haſtily with meat, that ſhe hath beene almoſt choaked: but howſoeuer, it will oftentimes very much moleſt her in her putting ouer and imbowelling; the which you may perceiue by her often writhing, and great trouble in trauerſing with her neck and whole bodie.

Diſorder in the giuer of caſting.

On theſe conſiderations, after my *Hawke* is well inſeamed, and in flying, I faile not, ſo neere as I can, to giue her plumage euery night when I feed her vp: contrariwiſe, when ſhee doth reſt from her labour, then I feede her verie cleane without any caſting at all, and ſo do ſet her vp to reſt: then do I cut and faſhion a caſting of woollen to my liking, and lay it in faire water all night, and the next morning doe riſe verie early, and doe offer her the ſame, well ſoaked, cooled and waſhed; the which ſhee will not refuſe to take willingly, ſitting ſtill on her pearch, being formerly wonted and accuſtomed vnto it, and will put it downe into her pannell; and within ſome houre, or thereabouts, when her ſtomacke hath wrought vpon it, and findes little or no commoditie gained thereby, then doth her emptineſſe and eager appetite to her breakfaſt, naturally prouoke her by caſting to make her readie to prepare her ſelfe for the ſame: at which time, for your further experience, you may behold what

Of caſting.

what a faire and delicate casting it will be, without any ill signe or shew in it; which otherwise would haue appeared, by the length of time continued.

Thus in my owne obseruation I haue gathered, that this kinde of casting is not fit to be giuen vsually at the night time vnto the soundest *Hawk* of this kinde, especially with any store of meat that may giue cause vnto her to keepe it long: for triall whereof, you shall perceiue in the morning that it hath vexed her in her stomacke, and hindered her digestion, and that she hath beene wearie of it with detaining it so long. For triall whereof, oft times it forceth her to cast before her due houre, or that she hath perfectly indued her supper, which will appeare in the colour of it, that will bee of a blacke burnt or tawnie, and withall clammie, with muddie and bloudie water in it verie often, euen in the soundest *Hawke* that is. The effects of woollen casting.

Thus doe I leaue it to your considerations, whether it can be fit or meet to bee giuen vnto a sickly or crasie *Hawke*, or no, when the soundest that is cannot well nor alwayes brooke it. Therefore, by my aduice, if any man will needs giue it at the night, let it be but with small store of meat, and also let her haue some plumage with it. There bee some men that vse to giue stones with Sallendine, and castings of hassell, that will swell dangerously, and grow too bigge without great care bee had in the vndersizing of it; the which

many are much ouerſeene in, and oftentimes ouerſtraine their *Hawkes* with too great caſtings of ſuch kinde, as will not with her inward and naturall working bee ſo faſhioned and mollified, as that ſhe may caſt it againe with any reaſonable eaſineſſe, or without much preiudice to her ſelfe.

Alſo others doe vſe to giue quilles and ſuch like vnto theſe kinde of *Hawkes*, both in their inſeaming and flying time: but for my owne part I ioyne not with them in the like opinion, but rather doe eſteeme of them as vaine and ſuperfluous imaginations, and conceits proceeding from mutable and vnconſtant affections, then from any effects of certaintie or probable concluſions: onely this hath been mine owne courſe, when I haue found my *Hawke* any whit to diſtaſte or diſlike of ſuch kinde of vnnaturall cotton caſtings, I ſuddenly left them, and did betake my ſelfe to Iukes, and ſometimes to Hares or Conies feet, the bones and wooll well broken together; the which I neuer found to diſagree any whit with her, but alwayes hath wrought to good purpoſe, and the like effects in her. And whoſoeuer hee be that is cleanly in his manner of dyet or feeding, and for the quantitie, with the carefull ordering of the ſame, moſt aſſuredly ſhall neuer haue any occaſion to vſe ſuch kinde of extraordinarie courſes Yet I know there bee many men that would haue their *Hawkes* to flie well, and bee at their command, with groſſe and bloudie meate giuen and continued vnto them

The naturall caſting is beſt.

them, euen as if they were ſtill in the Mew; and they will not through any counſell bee aduiſed from that courſe, although they plainly perceiue what inconuenience belongeth vnto it: as firſt, they will ſeeme and make ſhew to be, as it were, blinde and careleſſe, when they ſhould bee moſt carefull and watchfull to ſee and flie for their owne reward, and content of their keeper: alſo they will loyter and ſit drowſily behinde, when they ſhould be moſt diligent to attend and draw after them, nay although they fall to raling or ſoaring quite away from them, yet they will be ſo ſhallow witted, or otherwiſe ſelfe-will conceited, as either they cannot or will not iudge of the true cauſe of their idleneſſe or diſobedience towards them, which is nothing but the imperfectneſſe of the ſtomacke, that is growne ſo cold, and glutted with foule food vnwaſht, and great gorges. I do not deny, but that hot and bloudy meat is neceſſarie and good, if hee that giues it knowes when it is fit to beſtow it, otherwiſe it auaileth nothing towards the effectuall working of his deſire. For example, take the wilde *Hawke* from the Cage, or otherwiſe from the Mew the *Hawke* that hath beene ſlone, and continue your former wonted manner of feeding with bloudie meat vnto her, although diuiding the ſame with your beſt diſcretion, and taking away the fatte and groſſeſt ſubſtance from it; alſo to plye her with caſting, carriage, and all the paines with watching, and whatſoeuer elſe belonging, vntill

Of bloudy meat giuen to flying Hawks.

The effects of groſſe feeding.

Difference betweene the Hawke in the Mew and the other that is flying.

you haue made her ſo familiar and gentle, as you can deuiſe or deſire, in the houſe in companie, or abroad in hold. Yet neuertheleſſe, if you omit, and be ſlacke to take the bloud away with well waſhing, you ſhall bee new to ſeeke; for your labour is all in vaine, and ſhe will not bee reclaimed, or forced to bee ſubiect to your will, but will continue in a manner towards you both wilde and ramage ſtill, whenſoeuer you ſhall croſſe her looſe abroad: and therefore I would haue to vnderſtand, that the vnreclaimed and vncleane *Hawke*, of this kinde or any other, ought to bee reclaimed, inſeamed, and made to flye, with good meat cleane dreſſed and waſhed, and for theſe *Hawkes*, the water dryed out againe with a faire cloth, and a continuall courſe held in the ſame all their flying time, vnleſſe on due conſideration and iuſt cauſe being moued to the contrarie; as vnto a ſicke or craſie *Hawke*, with due reſpect vnto the eyes, or hot and eager mettelled *Hawke*; as alſo vnto the ſoundeſt and hardeſt *Hawke* that is, as when ſhee ſhall haue continuall hard flying, and kills often, then may you with boldneſſe, and diſcretion in the quantitie, giue vnto her bloudy rewards, and three or foure times in the weeke ſuppers of the ſame, as of Partridge, or Feſants heads and neckes, or any other good meat; alwayes being mindefull in time of reſt, that then you faile not to feed with meate cleane dreſſed, hard waſhed and dryed againe, to hold the ſtomacke right and ſharpe

Order in the inſeaming.

What ſhe gets by the labour of her body & the vſe of her wings thriues beſt with her. Francke food with reſt breeds imperfection, and glots the ſtomacke.

ſharpe withall; for otherwiſe (that) being dulled and taken away, there is no content to bee had, nor ſubiection to bee looked for abroad, when ſhe is at libertie and her owne diſpoſing, but altogether offenſiueneſſe and vexation. For as I haue often told you (that) is the onely marke you ought to ayme at, it tyes and bindes her to all other conditions you can deſire to haue her furniſhed withall. And on the contrarie, it ſeuers and ſeparates aſunder the one from the other, and makes her as a wilde and vntamed *Hawke*. Alſo it is verie neceſſarie that this one thing bee well obſerued all the flying time, either to the field or couart, but eſpecially during that time, becauſe then for the moſt part, the weather is diſpoſed to ſharpneſſe and cold: for which cauſe you ought not to ſuffer any *Hawke* of that kinde to be faſting too long; for it breedeth much winde in them, the which they are all ſubiect vnto, and will appeare often with a riſing in the gorge, and a noyſe withall of croking; the one may be felt with the hand, and the other heard with the eare; and therefore both are as eaſie to bee iudged of: likewiſe the rye and the cray verie much attendeth on the ſame, and it is a ſpeciall meanes, with cold adioyned, to take off her fleſh, which at that time of the yeare will not verie eaſily bee put on againe, vnleſſe ſhe be a right ſound *Hawke*: and on this impoueriſhment attendeth many other infirmities. Therefore to preuent theſe or any other

The ſtomacke.

The couart.

The inconuenience of long faſting.

other that may grow thereon; you ought to prouide for euerie Hawking-day a reaſonable meale of cleane dreſſed meat, the which you muſt keepe in a faire cloth: then in the morning, ſuddenly after ſhe hath caſt, giue her one bit when her hood is on. Alſo if you chance to ſpend an houre more before you finde your flight, giue her another bit; and ſo after this manner in your owne diſcretion. Afterwards, during the time of your recreation and ſporting abroad, compare or equall ſo your meat with the length or ſhortneſſe of time, as that ſhe ſhall neuer be ouer emptie, yet neuertheleſſe ſhall euer haue a perfect appetite, and good courage to flie after the beſt manner, and a well able and ſtrong bodie to maintaine the ſame withall, which otherwiſe through long faſting would ſoone be weakened and brought to poore eſtate. Alſo, as touching cold meat, whenſoeuer you doe feed with any of it, it ſhall profit you nothing to waſh it, ſo be it bee cleane; for the bloud therein being cold, the ſtrength thereof for the moſt part is decayed, by which meanes it hath loſt the principall force and vigour of it, through the which it would the better haue fed and nouriſhed: I will aduiſe no man to vſe it, but as ſeldome as hee may, for a continuance of it breeds pouertie and many other diſeaſes. On the contrarie, to feed with hote meat, although at that time to be reaſonably well waſhed and dryed, it holdeth health and ſtrength together, withall preuenting the

That your Hawke be not kept faſting too long for her flying.

Of cold meat.

The benefit of good meat.

the moſt, and continuall ſtriuing againſt all manner of diſeaſes. And forget not whenſoeuer you ſet your *Hawke* downe off your fiſt, hooded or vnhooded, to reſt, to weather, to bathe, or for what cauſe elſe ſoeuer, that you come not to take her vp againe to your fiſt, without vſing your voice in whiſtling or chirping vnto her, alſo with ſome bit of meat, or a ſtumpe to pleaſe her withall; for ſo ſhal you worke in her an euerlaſting loue and deſire of your comming and company: whereas other wiſe to come vnto her ſtilly or ſilently, ſuddenly or raſhly to take her vp to your fiſt from her naturall deſire of quiet reſt, and to be alone without ſuch kinde vſage and louing content, it ſtirs vp in her, her owne naturall diſpoſition, which is vnto anger and feare, and to hate the ſocietie and company of the man, deſiring alwayes to be at libertie, and out of his poſſeſſion.

Of ſetting your Hawke downe to reſt.

Of taking her vp againe.

Alſo remember at all times you ſet your *Hawke* on her pearch hooded, that ſhee may not haue vnderſtanding or perfect knowledge where it ſtandeth; for if ſhee haue, ſhee will alwayes haue an vnquiet longing to be there, and will not reſt quietly on the fiſt after ſhee is once within the dores; and eſpecially vntill ſhee bee throughly reclaimed and made flying, and hath beene wel flown, your fiſt for the moſt part muſt be her pearch, and ſhe ought to know no other; for they bee *Hawkes* that in their firſt making, with a little reſt will quickly forget what for-

merly they were taught, and returne to their wildeneſſe againe.

An obſeruation by the Hawke.

Alſo, whenſoeuer you ſhall perceiue her to be vntoward or frowardly diſpoſed, you ought not to reſiſt her with the like behauiour, as many a cholericke and haſty man will doe; for ſhe will quickly perceiue and obſerue it, and her loue will abate and be turned into diſdaine, which at the preſent time you ſhall perceiue to appeare by her ſtrange and ſcornefull countenance in beholding you; but you muſt alwaies be prepared and armed with patience and gentleneſſe to endure her vnquietneſſe, and euermore haue ſome ſtumpe in a readineſſe to appeaſe her anger, and quiet her withall, when you ſhal ſee her addicted thereunto, vntill you haue reclaimed and made her gentle indeed: And whereas I formerly aduiſed, not to carry your *Hawke* faſting too long for her flying, but to diſtribute her portion vnto her by bits; as time and occaſion ſhould ſerue: ſo likewiſe I doe wiſh that in the time of inſeaming and reclaiming, you doe not at any time giue her, her dinner altogether at one time, for thereby you ſhall prolong and deferre ſo much the more the time of her making; for ſo ſoone as her ſtomacke is ſatisfied and filled, her appetite and deſire towards you is choaked, and vntill the houre of feeding growes neere againe, her minde and remembrance is cleane off on you; whereas otherwiſe, as I haue ſaid, to diuide it in the forepart of the day, and let her iumpe often to the

The patience of the Oſtringer towards his Hawke.

An order to be vſed at the firſt reclaiming

fiſt

fiſt for it, ſhe will ſtill be mindefull on you, and neuer forgetfull, but alwaies, and inwardly in her minde attending and liſtening for your voyce, and ſome other pleaſing reward from you, and ſhe will ſo much the ſooner bee made a perfect *Hawke*. There is no man that can at the firſt ſight of his *Hawke* truly iudge of her nature and diſpoſition, but therein ſhall be much deceiued, they are ſo different in their kind; wherefore it behoueth euery one to be carefull, and remember, at that time when ſhe is firſt to bee entred, that then he ſets or puts her vpõ the higheſt point or pin of hunger, doubting, as it were, the worſt of her, or making queſtion of her good, or bad inclination; for thereby hee ſhall ſuddenly perceiue and plainely ſee, all the ſpirit and mettle that naturally is in her; for when ſhee hath once taken her prey, whatſoeuer it bee, although ſhee ſhould bee of a dull diſpoſition; yet by that meanes ſhee will rather chooſe to die then forſake it, ſhee will be ſo pinched with appetite and deſire to enioy it; wheras otherwiſe the ſtomack being vnperfect, the leaſt occaſion that may be, as the approach of her own Keeper, or any other man, the appearing either of horſe or dogge, or what ſtrange ſight elſe ſoeuer, will be ſufficient to cauſe her to forſake it, and go her way; which ill condition ſhee will remember afterward, and be alwaies apt on the leaſt occaſion to doe the like againe.

An obſeruation at the firſt entrance.

The fruits of an imperfect ſtomacke.

## Chap. IX.

*Of the* Hawke *that will not indure or abide the ſight of the hood.*

EVery man, though he would neuer ſo faine, cannot be ſo exquiſite, as to performe the ſlight and nimbleneſſe of that art, by quick and cleanly conueying the hood on, aboue the hand, in regard that thoſe kinde of *Hawkes* be naturally more coy and curious to be handled about the head then any other be; for which cauſe there be many men, that when they doe aſſay to put on their hood, doe eyther quite miſſe them, or otherwiſe put it halfe way or looſely on, which greatly offendeth the *Hawke*; neuertheleſſe to adde more anger and vexation

An error in the Keeper.

to

to her, they will vſe the art of bobbing with their hand or finger, vntil they haue euen almoſt cauſed her to fall backward for feare, before ſhe can be hooded: this is a moſt vile qualitie, and vnſeemely to be vſed to any *Hawke*, and eſpecially to one of this kinde; for it will in the end beate her quite out of loue with the very ſight of the hood, or with the mouing but of the hand towards her head, although ſhe were neuer ſo gentle before.

And therefore I doe wiſh euery one that would haue his *Hawke* gently diſpoſed that way, to forſake that one vnſeemely qualitie or vndecent order, and accept of another rule at my hand, which here I ſhall expreſſe plainely and truely vnto you, and with the which I haue my ſelfe made diuers *Hawks*, that hath been frighted and feared in the higheſt degree, to become moſt louing and gentle againe.

I doubt not but there be many will think this to be a very hard matter to performe, conſidering it neuertheleſſe is a thing vnuſuall, and hath ſeldome or neuer beene ſeene. For triall whereof, let him that hath ſuch a *Hawke*, if he cannot doe it himſelfe, ſend her vnto me, and if I doe not make her as gentle as he can deſire ſhe ſhould be, then for twenty ſhillings I will forfeit vnto him twenty nobles; and will here ſhew you the manner and way how to perfect the ſame.

## CHAP. X.

*To make the* Goſhawke *gentle, and to loue the hood, that hath with ill vſage beene beaten out of loue with all before.*

DVring the time by day or night, that you doe carry one of theſe kinde of *Hawkes* on your fiſt, that hath bin bobbed with the hood, as wee may terme it: doe you alſo carry a hood of ſome note, I meane for the colour, on your finger, that may well be ſeen and viewed by her, as it hangeth there: but beware that you doe not ſhew it as yet with your other hand vnto her, but there let it reſt daily for a weeke together in her ſight, that ſhe may alſo feed cloſe by it: then this

Obſerue well this order.

this being ſo done, alwaies after when you feed, take it gently in your other hand, and moue and ſtirre it about her meate, that ſhee may touch it as ſhee eates; doe thus another weeke: euer remembring, that after ſhe hath fed, it may reſt on your little finger againe in her ſight, till the next time, and yet not to be feared with it. You ſhall vſe this courſe, vntill you ſee that without any feare ſhee will but thus indure it; which being perceiued, you muſt then hold your meat in the hand that ſhee ſittth on, and with the other hand hold the hood by the taſſel vpon her meat, mouing and ſtirring it, as though you would keepe her from feeding; but it muſt bee done ſoftly and gently, when as you ſhall perceiue that ſhee will then ſtriue to feed beſides it: then with leſſe ſhew or appearance of meate in the hand, you ſhall hold the hood by the taſſell iuſt ouer the meate, that you may ſee in your owne diſcretion, that ſhee muſt needs eate cleane thorow it: doe thus ſo long, as vntill you ſee that ſhee will feed and ſearch boldly cleane thorow the hood for her meate, and eate it without any ſnatching or feare, alwayes being mindefull of the ſtomacke, then may you bee bold, as ſhee feeds, a little with your hand to moue the hood off and on the meate, and ſhee will take no offence at all.

Alſo, as ſhee is feeding, and doth thruſt thorow the hood for her meate, doe you beare the hood a little againſt her, and ſhee will hood and vnhood

vnhood her ſelfe as often as you will haue her: then whereas before you ought to haue reſtrained her, from taking too much hold of her meate; on the contrary, now when ſhee hath with your aſſiſtance put on her owne hood, let her eat freely untill ſhe hath done, and take it off no more vntill feeding time againe; and in this manner, within the moneth and leſſe, ſhee will be wonne to hood her ſelfe with the leaſt ſtumpe you doe carry about you, as often as you ſhall haue occaſion.

And for thoſe *Hawkes*, there is none that keepes them, but ought alwayes to haue ſome ſuch thing about him: And then doe but iudge whether he were better to vſe this ready courſe that will neuer faile him, then to bobbe at her aboue the hand vntill hee hath quite ſpoiled her.

And forget not, that if ſhee be a *Hawke* taken from the Mew, or otherwiſe, that you neuer beginne to practiſe this courſe with her, vntill her ſtomacke bee perfectly come to her; for if you doe, it will marre her for euer, and ſhee will neuer bee reclaimed againe; for it is that eſpecially that draweth, and alſo forceth her to become louing and friendly to that which ſhee formerly hated.

Thus haue I heretofore in ſome ſort ſhewed you, how ſtrange and coy a *Hawke* the *Goſhawke* is; nice and curious to be handled; how apt ſhee is to take diſlike at any trifling toy: and

therefore

therefore as I haue formerly aduiſed for other *Hawkes*, ſo eſpecially for her, you had need to bee more circumſpect and carefull with all diligent heed at her firſt reclaiming and making; for as ſhe is then faſhioned, ſhe will euer after with reaſonable pains and gouernment frame her ſelfe towards you in all her actions. And I will here, according to mine owne ſimple skill and order vſed in mine own practiſe, ſhew you the way vnto the ſame.

## Chap. XI.

### *To reclaime the* Hawke *from the Caga.*

WHen you ſhall haue one of theſe *Hawks* brought firſt vnto your hand, it is meet that by your Art and beſt endeuour, you do then prepare and

make her readie to bee reclaimed after this manner.

Obserue this order.

Giue her a fortnights carriage or more as she is in her rufter hood, alwaies stroking and playing with her, with your hand, or a feather instead thereof; and also in her dyet, to bee as carefull to feed cleane with washed meate, by which meanes she may bee brought the sooner to haue a good stomacke, and be gentle and well pleased to be handled, which you shall finde afterwards to be a great benefit and furthering in her reclaiming and making: then when you haue so done and taken that paines with her, and that you do finde her to be gentle indeed, and pliable to your will; (the which you shall perceiue by her griping and lifting to your voice, whistle or chirping, or eager feeding.)

Then hauing on euening your water with pepper prouided, and when you haue, according to the order and accustomed manner, well washed and peppered her, take off her rufterhood, being sure to haue another that is fit and easie to be put on; and likewise afterward now and then, as you shall see iust cause, when as you shall finde her so meeke and gently disposed, that you may do what you list with her: whereas otherwise without this former paines and preparation, shee would altogether haue wanted a stomacke, and continued so much the longer, both rammage and wilde; the which would haue deserued much more paines and labour of her

her Keeper. But to returne, as ſhee groweth a little to be drie, put on her hood, and giue her a bit of good meat vpon it, to pleaſe and refreſh her withall; and ſo holding this courſe to hood gently and vnhood, now and then not forgetting her reward euer after it is on, vntill ſhe bee throughly dryed, and afterwards the moſt part of the night; then you may ſet her downe bare faced, to haue two or three houres ſleep or reſt; and be ſure it bee in a ſpeciall warme place, and on a drie and warme pearch on high, for thoſe kinde of *Hawkes* bee verie ſubiect to take cold, and apte to haue the crampe on ſuch occaſions. A good caueat

Thus when ſhee and your ſelfe hath taken a little reſt, then ſee that you do draw by degrees ſoftly vnto her with ſhew of meat in your hand, withall vſing your voyce or tongue, with chirping and whiſtling vnto her, vntil you haue taken her gently to your fiſt; when as diuiding one meale into ſeuerall parts, beſtow it ſo on her for the moſt part after her hood is put on: and to continue this order with her in the day time for a while, it will be very good, vntill you do finde her well reclaimed; for it will cauſe her to looke for the hood, and take delight to haue it put on, when ſhe ſhall finde her ſelfe alwayes ſo well rewarded and pleaſed afterward.

And as I haue heretofore giuen you to vnderſtand, that euery *Hawke* is not alike in their naturall diſpoſition, but are much differing the

one from the other: ſo alſo and therefore you ought to bee the more carefull to obſerue and marke diligently how ſhee is diſpoſed, and to order and rule her according to the ſame. For example, if you doe finde her to bee tutchie or nicely addicted, and curious to entertaine and accept of your hand and the hood to come neare her head; then muſt you forbeare to practiſe and bee doing often in the day time with her: but as I haue ſhewed you, ſeldome, but at her feeding, or elſe late in the night time, when as you ſhall finde her more willing to take the ſame.

Obſerue the nature of the Hawke.

Thus hauing ſo well and perfectly accompliſhed your deſire in her reclaiming familiaritie and imboldening: it will now bee good time to teach her to iump & come to the fiſt, euer being mindfull of the ſtomack that it may be perfect; for as I haue let you to vnderſtand, how coy and ſtately a bird the *Goſhawke* is, and whereas other *Hawkes* of contrary kinde are vſed to come to a Lure, throwne ſome diſtance from the man: contrariwiſe, ſhee being an *Hawke* of the fiſt, muſt, if ſhee be vſed and taught as ſhe ought to be, be made to come home cloſe to the body of the man, with boldneſſe to his hand, and ſtoutly with great familiaritie, and without any feare to ſeize and ſit vpon the ſame, during his pleaſure; which ſhe will neuer be forced to doe with all the art in the world, if her ſtomacke be any whit imperfect.

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But to returne; when you haue taught her to iumpe readily to the fiſt, which is a thing ſo eaſie and ordinary with the ſimpleſt to be effected, as that I ſhall not need to preſcribe any rule or order for the ſame. But afterwards, let the next ſtep or leſſon be not much more further from you, then that which we call iumping to the fiſt: but, as I haue ſaid before, diuide one meale into more, and let her come and be called oftentimes in a day, if it be poſſible, and not aboue twentie or fortie yards at the moſt from the man, for a weeke or a fortnight together; which vvill ſo quickly and ſurely make her perfect, with ſuch boldneſſe and familiaritie, as that ſhe will neuer vnderſtand what it is to checke at the fiſt: but with this order and due time taken and ioyned together, wil proue a certaine and bold commer, which is a ſpeciall good qualitie in one of thoſe *Hawkes*: beſides, it will cauſe her to come and draw at any time of the day; for it is the tying and holding of thoſe kinde of *Hawkes*, to one meale, and one houre, which is towards the euening, that cauſeth them not to come or draw vntill that time, which vile condition the moſt of them be ſubiect vnto. Alſo, as I haue ſhewed you, to take good time in the making and teaching of her to come and to draw, before you offer her to flie, is the onely meanes to ſhew her ſelfe what ſhee is, and what mettle ſhee is of, and through which you may keepe her full luſty and ſtrong, whereby ſhe may bee ſufficiently

Haue care euer of the ſtomack

Mark well how ſhe ought to be called.

An ouerſight in the keeper,

able to performe what ſhe is put vnto. Many a man, I know, is of a contrary opinion, and will not ſtay the time vntill his *Hawke* will rightly owne himſelfe, and bee alſo haile-fellow well met with his *Spaniels*; but euen ſo ſoone as ſhe will come a little way to his fiſt, although ſhe neuer looked vpon a dog in all her life before, will bid let her go, for if ſhee will go well, I care not for her coming; but he, whatſoeuer he be, let him aſſure himſelfe hee ſhall repent him of his ſpeed.

The fruits of haſtineſſe.

And whereas many a man glorieth and deemeth himſelfe worthie of great praiſe and commendation, for his extraordinarie haſte and expedition: I do maintaine the contrarie, ſaying, there is no ſuch cauſe of deſeruing, for hee commeth on blindly and raſhly, without iudgement or conſideration of what marke hee aymeth at; and when he thinketh he hath made a ſound and a good concluſion, afterwards it ſhall be found imperfect, and he ſhall bee new to ſeeke, for his *Hawke* hath hardly beene taught one good qualitie or artificiall condition.

Vaine glory.

The low and poore Hawke is euermore ſubiect to infirmitie.

Alſo hee cannot chuſe but pull off her fleſh, whereby her haughtineſſe is abated, which depriueth

priueth her of her mettle and courage, and abſolutely ſpoyleth the *Hawke*: for there is not any one of that kinde that will flye well, how good ſoeuer ſhee either was or is, being any whit impouerifhed or brought low; neither will they laſt healthfull, but will bealwayes ſubiect to ſicknes through one infirmitie or other that ariſeth thereon.

Therefore whoſoeuer coueteth to keepe a *Hawke* of that nature and kinde, expecting pleaſure and contentment from her, with health and ſtrength together to maintaine the ſame, muſt not faile to take a good time to teach her, and then by his Art and diligent endeuour he ſhall not be any way deceiued, but moſt aſſuredly ſhall finde all the ſpirit and mettle that naturally was carried or bred in her.

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## CHAP. XII.

*How and in what manner the* Goshawke *ought to be called looſe, and taught to draw, and in what places, for the better auoiding of ſuch inconueniences as ſhee is ſubiect vnto, and may befall in that time.*

NOw will it bee good time to let her be called looſe, when as it is expedient that you do ſhunne all places neare vnto your owne home, other houſes or Townes, to auoide ſuch inconueniences, as through temptations may grow thereon, as Powltering or Doue-houſes, and ſuch like places, the which all thoſe *Hawkes* be ſubiect vnto; and

and hauing once caught ſuch an ill propertie, they will very ſeldome or neuer bee reclaimed from it, but will follow it, how farre ſoeuer from any towne ſhee ſhall be flown; yet if ſhee be not ſuddenly ſerued and pleaſed, ſhee will not ſtay, but forthwith will fall to raling; neuer once looking backe to her Keeper, vntill ſhee commeth there whereas ſhee will ſerue her ſelfe too ſoone. The ſpoile of the Hawke. To a towne.

And thus to conſider what a toyle and vexation this muſt needs bring to him that ſhall follow her; it would make any man care and couet with all diligence to preuent ſuch a miſchiefe at the firſt, before it do come: the which to effect, this courſe you muſt take; walke with her to the young woods or groues betimes in the afternoone, hauing before prepared her ſtomacke fit and readie for the ſame purpoſe, and there put her vp into a tree, walking along from her into the winde, vſing your voice vnto her ſoftly, as though you had *Spaniels* with you, and ſpake to them, but let it be eſpecially with your tongue in whiſtling and chirping vnto her; by which meanes to cauſe her draw and follow after you with little noiſe, which if ſhee ſhall ſo doe, as there is no doubt, but that ſhee will frame her ſelfe according to your expectation; then ſuffer her not too long, but call her to your fiſt againe, and reward her a little with ſome bit of meate to pleaſe her withall; the which it is fitte you ſhould haue in a readineſſe wrapped in a faire Obſerue this order at her firſt teaching to draw.

cloath, vnleſſe you haue either, Pigeon, Rooke, or ſome other ſuch like thing about you, out of the which you may draw a legge, and ſo content her.

After this, you ſhall put her vp againe, and ſo by your ſofteſt voice or whiſtle draw her along after you againe; for it is not good, neither conuenient to vſe a loude voice or noiſe vnto her for diuers reſpects. For firſt, it will be a meanes to teach her ſit and loyter behind you, ſo farre as ſhee can heare you, which is one ill qualitie; otherwiſe ſomtime a man wil go with his *Hawke* where hee would be loath either to be heard or ſeen, as I muſt confeſſe, I haue done my ſelfe many a time; which he cannot do with ſuch a one as firſt hath beene taught, and is ſtill wonted to loude voices; but he muſt make, as it were, proclamation where-abouts he goes, and where hee is: whereas otherwiſe he may goe ſafely and ſecurely, and his *Hawke* will draw and follow him, as diligently and attentiuely, by meanes ſhe was at the firſt tutored and taught with a ſtill voice or whiſtle.

Why you ought not to call her aloud.

Alſo your *Spaniels* will hunt within your command, and ſo neere you and your *Hawke*, as they ſhall neuer ſpring any thing out of her danger, but ſtill where ſhee may command it: whereas otherwiſe in hearing of loude noiſes they will range far off, and at randon, ſpringing out of the way far from you; which will be much diſpleaſing both vnto the man and the *Hawke*,

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## Chap. XIII.

*To make loue and vnity betweene the* Ostringer *himselfe, his* Hawke, *and his* Spaniels; *which is a speciall thing to bee obserued.*

NOw that you haue after this foresaid rule and order prescribed vnto you, taught your *Hawke* to draw diligently after you, and to come againe as readilie to your fist: It is as meete and necessarie that you prouide you of such *Spaniels* as you intend to Hawke withall: and because this *Hawke* is a bird very obseruing, and will quickly learne to know her Keeper, and be familiar with

him, and ſeeme as ſtrange and coy to let another man come neare her: alſo to haue ſuch vnderſtanding of *Spaniels*, as to know and loue one that ſhall be continually in company with her, and as it were to hate or be fearefull of another that comes but ſeldome to her: alſo many of the kind will be very fearefull, nice and coy of all dogges, and at the firſt ſight will not abide or indure any.

Wherefore now that you haue formerly in all other points of perfection, by your arte, labour, and diſcretion, accompliſhed your deſire with her: it is now that you ought through all diligence, to practiſe and labour to breed a familiar league of friendſhip, loue and vnitie betweene your ſelfe, your *Hawke*, and your *Spaniels*; the which to accompliſh and bring to perfection, take this courſe. At euery feeding time draw you all conueniently together, whereas you muſt let your *Hawke* feede amongſt the dogges on your fiſt very oft; not one dogge or two, as I haue ſaid before, for ſhe will learne too ſoone to know him too well; but amongſt two or three couple, or as many as you haue, and alſo to haue the dead pelt of a Pullet or Hen in a ſhort cruce, and throwing it oftentimes from you in the thickeſt amongſt them, that ſhee may flie from your fiſt, and eagerly choppe amongſt them, and ſeaze vpon the ſame; there ſuffering her to plume awhile, then take her vp againe with a ſtumpe to your fiſt, immediatly throwing

To breed loue betweene the Hawke, and the Spaniels.

ing it, as before, againe and againe euen in the middeſt of them: and this courſe you muſt vſe euery day, vntill you doe finde that ſhee will venture very boldly, and without any feare, amongſt them all; and then you ſhall perceiue that ſhee will haue perceiuerance and vnderſtanding by the dogs remouing and giuing way with feare vnto her, that ſhee hath euen gotten the vpper hand and maſterie of them; whereas otherwiſe to haue flowne, or offered to enter her before, without theſe former preparations and neceſſarie courſes, it had beene done raſhly without iudgement; and there is not one *Hawke* amongſt twentie, but would haue beene beaten out of loue both with the man, the *Spaniels*, and whatſoeuer beſides hee had flowne her vnto.

By this you ſhall know when your Hawke is ready to flye.

And ſo I will omitte to ſpeake any more of this point in this place, becauſe I purpoſe to inlarge it further, as I ſhall proceede hereafter.

## CHAP. XIIII.

*How you ſhall firſt enter your* Hawke, *and teach her to flye to the field, and to order and manage her there during that ſeaſon.*

The Spaniels.

WHen you haue, as I formerly aduertiſed, well reclaimed, imboldened and taught your *Hawke* to know and vnderſtand her owne ſuperioritie and command ouer her ſeruants: it wil be good to prepare and make her ready to fly, & it is meet to enter her firſt to the field, when as ſhee ought eſpecially to bee skilfully ordered, flown, followed, and aſſiſted; for commonly a direct and perfect beginning, doth giue proofe and cauſe of good effects and con-

conclusion. Therefore your surest course is, to prouide, if it bee possible, three or foure hand Partridge, with a companion, friend, or seruant, and one couple of stanch *Spaniels*, then goe into the fairest field, hauing before prepared and armed your *Hawke*, with appetite and courage to flie after the best manner, for her owne reward, and giue content to the beholders; and being there in a readinesse, one of you shall goe neare hand from the other, to some bushes or other small couart of obscuritie to bee shadowed, whereas hee shall spend his voice to the dogges, after the accustomed manner, vsing some blowes with his pole, and beating his harmelesse enemy withall, as from forth the same; he shall secretly let the Partridge spring, with some iudgement in the deliuery, that the *Hawke* may discerne and see it, and crying with a loud voice, Howe, howe, howe, that shee may haue vnderstanding, and learne to know the word of aduertisement or warning, when shee should at any other time looke about her, or be watchfull to take the best opportunitie offered at an instant vnto her, for her best aduantage.

The bushes.

Words of custome.

This being well effected, and that the *Hawke* doth with spirit and mettle flie after and take it, be yee sure with all expedition and swiftnesse, that your *Horse*, or owne supporters may afford to get into her, and thereby stand and guide, or guard her, that no dogge nor other cause may fright or feare her, whereby to depriue her of the

The Partridge.

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prey ſhee hath ſo hotly purſued, ſo latelie taken, and deſireth ſo much to enioy and keepe within her owne poſſeſſion; but with your licence and good leaue doe ſuffer her to plume and take her pleaſure on the ſame: And with your further aide and aſſiſtance, to take bloud thereon, ſtill hauing the *Spaniels* in ſight cloſe by her. All this well practiſed, then you muſt teach her to take the head in her foote, and eate it on the ground; and when ſhee hath ſo done, and looketh about her: hauing your *Spaniels* by you, throw the Partridge pelt, as before you had vſed to doe in her firſt teaching, once amongſt the dogges, and let her take it, being in her leaſh, that ſhee may not carrie it from you; and whileſt ſhe ſits there and plumes, make her ſupper readie; take her gently to your fiſt, and there content her: then walking towards your home, with ioy in your ſucceſſe, and much good likelihood to haue no worſe thereafter, you may well conſider and determine of the next opportunitie, and after the ſame maner how to order and vſe her; by which meanes, no doubt but you ſhall very ſuddenlie attaine to your owne expected deſire, and haue an excellent *Hawke*, and by all meanes flie her to the field all the firſt yeare, and let her not ſee the Feſant at all, for that will draw her loue from the Partridge, and make her giue them ouer; nay, he that will haue a good *Hawke* to the field of this kinde, muſt neuer let her ſee the Feſant at all, nor flye one flight thereunto; for the beſt of them

Obſeruation.

them will take more delight in the one, then in the other, and grow quite out of loue with the one for the others sake.

Now when you haue thus well and luckily entred and bloudded her with these Partridges, and also killed some three or foure more from the marke, at the reteriue, and that you doe perceiue by her, that shee once knowes a Partridge by sight; the whoorr, and other accustomed termes vsed, and will go readily from the fist thereunto.

Be ye sure after, that all the forepart of the yeare you let her go no more one flight in ten, neare vnto the rising of her game; for that will cause her to gird and master them, as it were, at the sowce, within a short space, being no way able in that season to make wing, to hold out before such a *Hawke*; and also shee will afterward remember and look for the same order, and without it will not flie towards the latter end of the yeare; no, shee will make you beleeue shee sees them not at all, neither will flye after such a Partridge as shall bee sprung farre from her, but to the next tree she meets withall, and being neuer so good a mettled *Hawke*, this course will spoyle her; for she will as well vnderstand the difference betweene the one and the other, as your selfe; and what she cannot do at hand, she will neuer doe. Obserue well this order.

And therefore considering that this order and course held long at the beginning of the

yeare, while Partridge be but weake, is ſufficient to make ſlothfull, and to marre the beſt mettelled *Hawke* that is, you ought to be more carefull when you meet with another that is but of a dull diſpoſition, and as ſluggiſh of her wings: yet I haue ſeene ſuch a one, through the art and well ordering of her Keeper, hath proued a ſpeciall *Hawke*.

An example. It was once mine owne chance to haue ſuch a one in my cuſtodie, that in her falling I perceiued to be very ſluggiſh and heauie, which ſoone altered my opinion of her, and withdrew my former affection almoſt quite from her: yet on further conſideration I began to think with my ſelfe, that ſeeing I had gone ſo farre with her, I would not ſo leaue her, for a little more paines, vntill I had had ſome further triall of her; and then this direct courſe I tooke preſently with her.

It was very early of the yeare when as I ſhewed her markt Partridge, that I ſprung, and ſuffered to reſt long after: of the which, and after this manner, ſhee killed me, in two or three dayes, ſome two or three brace, euen at the catch, in a very little ſpace; in ſo much as I perceiued by her ready going, that ſhe knew them well, and alſo was very hot on them, and as buſily diſpoſed with them, when ſhee had any one in her foot: which alſo ſhewed, as I deemed, ſome good loue in her towards them, and gaue mee ſome further comfort beſides, and hope of a good conclu-

concluſion. Afterward in proceſſe of time it was my hap to ſhew her diuers Partridge, that were ſprung further from me, then ſhe was vſed to fly, to the which I offered my *Hawke*; but after the old Prouerbe, *Who ſo blinde, as he that will not ſee?* and ſo my *Hawke* would none, but caſt her regards another way.

After which, I began to call to mind and conſider of her ill nature, and alſo of my owne fooliſh and former error, how that I had too long at firſt taught her to ſnatch and catch them vp at ſowce, and nuzled her too much therein: Likewiſe, that I obſerued no times, but flew her at aduenture and out of ſeaſon, as too early, or in the heat of the day: neither had I any due reſpect vnto her ſtomacke.

And thus all things being thought on, I determined to reſt her two or three dayes: and whereas at the firſt, when ſhee pleaſed mee, I was too louing and fond on her, and alſo did too richly reward her (which hath beene a fault in my ſelfe, I am ſure, and, I thinke, in many another.)

But to returne, during the time of reſt that I gaue her, I fed her very cleane, and ſoaked her meat all the day or night in vrine, the which is a ſpeciall thing for an hard and dull mettelled *Hawke* of this kinde, to whet her a good ſtomacke withall.

And when I had ſo done, I ſhewed her another couie of Partridge late in the euening, or

towards the euening, for too late is as bad as too early for a *Hawke* to flye; but theſe ſprung a great way from me, and went all whole together: ſhe being at that time well armed with an eager appetite, and a good edge ſet on her, ſpurs ſufficient to put her on, and pricke her forward after the beſt manner; ſhe well perceiuing of them, thruſt her ſelfe vp from my fiſt a great height, and went after them, but altogether on plaines, euen Buſſard like, yet neuertheleſſe ſhe did rightly marke them; and at my comming in to the reteriue, the *Spaniels* ſprung one to her, the which ſhee flew very hard and killed: and after this, hauing good reſpect vnto her ſtomacke, and alſo for a while obſeruing well the time towards the euening, ſhe proued an excellent *Hawke*, yet neuer mended the manner of her firſt flights, but alwayes flew them very iadiſhly, and made no haſte at all: yet afterward, when Partridge was ſprung, although ſhee went a furlong behinde, ſhe would not faile to haue one often in her foot, the which I imagined ſhe did euer take comming cunningly; and eſpecially after the leafe were off, you might haue ventured ten to one, in the woodlands ſhee would not faile to haue one in her foot.

By this appeareth, that this *Hawke* did know her owne vnableneſſe, and that ſhee were not fit nor able through the weightine of her wings, to make, yeeld, or maſter the faſt flying Partridg, and that if ſhe had beene wilde, to haue ſhifted

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for her ſelfe, ſhee muſt haue vſed her policie to haue caught her prey, or elſe oftentimes to haue faſted.

Alſo this ſheweth as plainly, how eaſily this or any other dull mettelled *Hawke* might or may be marred, for want of iudgement and skill in her keeper, or otherwiſe by his art and paines taking, bee made and taught to doe him right good ſeruice; although not altogether out of her owne ſpirit and mettle, yet through his art and her policie.

Alſo you muſt haue this reſpect, and be mindfull of one ill propertie that many of thoſe *Hawks* be ſubiect vnto, which is, that when they haue flowne a Partridge hard to any couart, and takes it not at the firſt flight, there will they ſit ſtill on the ground, and will not get vp to any ſtand for their better vantage; which is a moſt vile, fooliſh, and dull condition. An ill quality to fall on the ground.

Wherefore, as I haue before aduiſed at the firſt entrance, it is meet that you take but a few *Spaniels* abroad with you, and alſo to be ſuch as you may command vnto you after you haue flowne, vntill you haue ſought and found your *Hawke* againe: for otherwiſe you ſhall neuer enter her; they wil euermore retriue the Partridge, that ſhee ſhall neuer ſee it as ſhee ſits on the ground.

Therefore, to preuent the one in the dogges, and to amend the other in the *Hawke*, take this courſe: when your *Hawke* hath flone a Partridge, To amend this fault.

tridge, make after with all ſpeed that you can, taking your dogges with you, by your command, and when you haue found her, be ſure to take her vp, but not on your fiſt by any meanes, if there bee either hedge or tree neare hand, but take her by the bodie or ſhoulders ſuddenly with both your hands, and throw her vpon either hedge, buſh, or tree, and then beat for the Partridge, when as it is vnpoſſible but ſhe muſt needs ſee it, if it do ſpring then; if ſhee flye after and kill it after that manner, you can deſire no more; for one ſo killed, is worth ten at the firſt flight, or otherwiſe from the ground. This courſe being well followed, wil certainly reclaim her from that fault, and teach her to riſe her ſelfe; for ſhee will quickly learne to vnderſtand, that elſe ſhe ſhall be caught and toſte vp; and ſo hauing ſome little feare of that one thing, and alſo knowledge that afterward ſhe ſhall enioy ſome pleaſure and content thereby, ſhee will ſo much the ſooner grow perfect, and jumpe vp her ſelfe.

A great error.

Some man when he comes in to his *Hawke* and finds her after that manner, on the ground, will preſently draw forth ſome meat or other, to take her to his fiſt withall, and there will hold her, expecting the riſing of her game: but ſurely it is great indiſcretion in him ſo to doe; for there he teaches her with incouragement to ſit ſtill attending his owne comming to her, and alſo a preſent reward expected from himſelfe, neuer

uer minding the prey ſhee had ſo hotly purſued before: but without his future care and beſt conſideration, doth cleane forget the ſame: thus is ſhee quite ouerthrowne, and ten to one will neuer after learne nor care to know her beſt aduantage.

But ſome man may anſwer and ſay againe, Why? this courſe to take and throw her vp after that faſhion, muſt needs feare her, and make her vnwilling to come to her Keeper another time, when he ſhall be moſt deſirous of her. But it is not ſo, for you are to vnderſtand that it is not the *Haggard*, or right *Rammage Hawke*, that I meane; for you ſhall not once in your life-time know any of thoſe *Hawkes* to haue that fooliſh condition.

But if it ſhould ſo fall out in ſome one eager and hot mettelled *Hawke*, that out of her exceeding loue to the thing ſhe hath ſlone, doth at her firſt entrance a little fit, and hunt or ſeeke for it; and therefore to ſerue her ſo, it will bee no whit diſpleaſing vnto her, but ſhee will ſo much the ſooner (being luckily ſerued and pleaſed after) rightly vnderſtand the fruites and meaning of the ſame, and alſo will loue her Keeper neuer the worſe, but learne to know her better aduantage: and whenſoeuer you ſhall finde a right *Ramage Hawke* to haue this quality, as at the fall of a Partridge to bee downe and vp, to flye and to runne amongſt the dogges and men with buſineſſe, you may be aſſured, that with care now and

A good condition.

and then to vſe her after that manner, with other good gouernment duely extended towards her by her Keeper, ſhe will moſt certainly proue a ſpeciall *Hawke*, for in that kinde of behauiour ſhe truly ſhews her good nature; her hot loue and eager deſire to her game, and that in reſpect of (that) for the preſent time ſhe owneth neither man, horſe nor dogge, nor any other thing, her minde is ſo bent of her pleaſure.

A fault in the Eyas.

But to leaue her, and returne to the *Eyas*, *Brancher*, or *Puler*, vnleſſe they be bred of the better crye; you ſhall haue many of them, nay, the moſt part of them will haue that one condition, laſting and continuing with them a long time; and without this one remedie or meanes lately expreſſed, euen many yeares: which then I referre vnto you to be cenſured, whether a man were better to terrifie and feare her cleane out of her wittes, then ſo long to waite and ſtay, expecting her future and vncertaine deſeruings.

Of the Ramage Hawke. An example.

But to returne backe againe to the *Ramage Hawke*, I will giue you an inſtance by the example of (one) the which I had of late time in my hand, and kept vnder my owne gouernment at the leaſt a dozen yeares, and free from any one ill propertie or condition, during that time; but as I made her at the firſt, ſo I kept her to the end, and ſhe was a ſpecial *Hawke* for either Partridge or Feſant.

And this courſe, which here I ſhall preſcribe,

I tooke with her in her firſt making, keeping, ordering and flying. In the beginning I perceiued her to bee very tutchie and coy to bee handled, for which cauſe I tooke extraordinary paynes with her, and made her very louing and gentle to the hood, euen as any *Falcon* was: alſo to the dogges I found her, in my practiſe, inclined according to mine owne deſire and expectation: and ſo to omit other circumſtances, courſe or order, as touching her calling, comming, or drawing.

To proceed, when I came to ſhew her Partridge, I found her as forward to flye, and bee entered, when as for a ſeaſon I alwaies tooke off her hood, thereby to haue her both fit and ready to ſee and flye to the Partridge, that were to be ſprung vnto her: but before I had vſed her long to that order of carying barefaced, which I thought to be the moſt ſure and beſt way to afford her the more quicke and ſpeedie ſight, ſhee was growne ſo vigilant with ouermuch ſtirring and vnquietneſſe on the fiſt, that vnleſſe the Partridge did ſpring very faire before mee, or that directly I knew by marke where it was, and carefully attended for the riſing, it was tenne to one the flight was in danger to bee loſt, or as good it had ſo beene; for her trouble and buſineſſe on the fiſt were ſuch, as that it were able with great vexation to draw the eye and minde of any man awry from his deſired pleaſure: neither could there any dogge ſuddenly ſtirre,

An inconuenience belonging to the Hawke that will not take the Hood.

but ſhee would as ſuddenly bate; nor bird riſe, but ſhee would bee as buſily diſpoſed, that it were altogether vnpoſſible to order and gouerne her as ſhee ought to haue beene. In this plainly appeareth, what quietneſſe, ſecuritie and content of minde ſtill attends on him that hath his ſhort-winged *Hawke* taught to take the Hood gently; & alſo what benefit, ſtrength and courage it affords to her ſelf, that may be alwayes ſafely kept, flown & gouerned: contrariwiſe, what diuerſities of inconueniences waits vpon her that will not indure the Hood to come neere her, but is accuſtomed euermore to be carried barefaced when ſhe ſhould be flowne, eſpecially to the field: for if ſhee be a right mettelled *Hawke* of ſpirit, deſiring her ſport and prey, it may be ſaid of her to haue more eyes, then he of whom it hath beene affirmed to haue an hundred lights; for her continuall vigilancie will be ſuch, for the appearing or riſing of her deſired pleaſure, that ſhee will offer moſt continually to goe for her aduantage vnawares to her Keeper ſuddenly. And therefore, in my opinion, for many conſiderations, it is the moſt commendable & ſafe way, after one of theſe *Hawkes* be

be firſt entred, and onely knoweth a Partridge: then immediatly to teach her, and vſe her to flye from forth the Hood, often bating at Partridge ſprung to other *Hawkes*, diſcomforts and diſcourages her; ſo that when her turne is to flye, her edge is off, and her courage is loſt. Therefore the melancholy man is fitteſt to be her Keeper, who beſt can brook to walk or ride alone, which ſhee will ſuddenly learne to doe, and as readily as a man can wiſh or deſire; and alſo daily to ſit and weather in the Hood, the which ſhee will be as well pleaſed withall, and neuer to take it off, as in cuſtome: but when ſhee ſhall eyther flye, feede, bathe, or is to take her reſt at night: And this courſe directly I tooke with this *Hawke* the whole time I kept her. Obſeruation.

Alſo at the ſame time I had in charge at the leaſt two caſt of *Riuer-Hawks*; and ordered them in their diet my ſelfe; for which cauſe I did very ſeldome flye her, ſometime not in the weeke and more, during which time, ſhee ſate for the moſt part in a rufter hood; and if I had not a very conuenient place both day and night in the ſame, neuertheleſſe that time of reſt being expired, hauing occaſion to vſe her, eyther to the field or couart, and giuing her but one houre or two to weather abroad in the ayre, though ſtill in the Hood, with conſideration alwayes of the ſtomacke, ſhe would flye to content you. And this *Hawke* was ſo hot and eager at her firſt making, that ſhe would at the reteriue alwaies be

downe among the dogges, as it were, ſcambling for the Partridge; and whenſoeuer I came in, I would take her by the ſhoulders, betweene my hands, and throw her vp; nay, ouer and aboue, when a Partridge hath ſprung on the other ſide the hedge, where ſhee could not ſee it, I haue after the ſame manner thrown her cleane ouer the ſame, and ſhee hath killed it in the foote at the ſame flight. This *Hawke* very quickly proued very cunning, and as long as ſhe liued, when ſhe knew that ſhee had maſtered a Partridge, and that the dogges and men came in and tooke it, or elſe ſcambled for it, ſhe would neuer faile to make one, and be a chiefe ſtickler in the combate; and what dogge ſoeuer tooke it, hee ſhould be ſure to leaue it, with ſome taſte of her diſpleaſure and correction for it.

Such hawks hath the true mettle.

Thus hauing, according to my beſt vnderſtanding, ſhewed how to enter the *Goſhawke* to field, and to order and gouerne her during that ſeaſon, I will now proceed to the Couart, and out of the like knowledge appoint by preſcription how ſhe ought to be entred, flown, followed, and manned, during that time.

Chap.

## CHAP. XV.

### *How to enter the* Goshawke *to the Couart.*

ANy man whose skil & knowledge by time and experience is approued to be good, may be fit & sufficiently able of himself to take the wilde *Hawk* from the Cage, or otherwise to reclaime her and make her ready in due time to be flowne; and also to flye her himselfe, or let her goe from his fist vnto her flight: neuertheiesse, when she is once gone or departed from him thereunto, he may be then as much vnsufficient or vnable to gouerne her during that time; for there be many men that are expert in their art, and through their owne knowledge well able to teach one of those kinde of *Hawkes*

To teach the Goshawke to flye to the Couart.

to flye, yet afterwards is no way able to follow and man her in her flight: whereby and through which cauſe, as ſhee was at firſt artificially and well made, ſo ſhee will bee then altogether as ſoone, or more ſooner cleane ſpoiled and marred.

Euery one is not fit to keep the Goſhawke.

If this be true, then it appeareth that euery one is not fit to keepe the *Goſhawke*, although his iudgement be great; nor otherwiſe any one that hath not a well able body to follow her, as ſhe ought to be.

But ſome man may anſwer, and ſay againe, that his body ſhall be well mounted and carried forward on horſe-backe; to the which I allow alſo, ſo farre as vntill hee commeth to the Couart, but no further, vnleſſe hee will alwayes make choyce of his deſired or wished place, the which no man can euer doe, to finde his game with ſpeed: neither in moſt Countries or places is there any choyce to be had; but to that ſport and with that *Hawke*, he muſt altogether truſt to his feete, or elſe tarry behinde; which, as I think, there is few men but would be loath ſo to doe, that beareth any loue to their *Hawke*, or the game they haue flowne her vnto.

Therefore it is moſt certaine that there is no one man can order and manage the *Goſhawke* to the Couart, but he that hath a ſtrong and able body, with ſpirit, mettle, and courage adioyned thereunto, to follow her withall; and vnto ſuch a one, I will here according to mine owne experience

perience and opinion shew the way, how and in what places is best and meetest first to enter her in, and how to follow and manage her, vntill he hath made her a perfect *Hawke*.

You may well remember that you haue already passed one good steppe forward on your iourney, and as you would thinke, escaped all the danger in your further pretended way, in respect that you haue so artificially reclaimed, framed and flown your *Hawke* all this long time to the field, and haue ordered and gouerned her with good successe in all your proceedings: but you ought to consider neuertheless, that this hath beene wrought, practised, and brought to good conclusion, for the most part in the open and champane fields, where was the assistance of men on horse-backe, and on foot, that might and haue come in at their pleasures, to guard the *Hawke*, and preuent any ill accident that might befall by the *Spaniels* in their haste or rashnesse, or otherwise happen vnto her. Marke well.

Therefore you are to consider, that now you otherwise intend to make her to the Fesant; and for that those kinde of Fowles doe altogether frequent and haunt the woods, and other places of obscuritie, the which must needs be a blemish and hinderance to the sight, which should giue directions in the flight; for the better effecting of your desire, you ought to make good choice, and be charie of what place you doe first enter her in, and especially that she may be there well guarded The man cannot follow by view to succour his Hawke.

guarded and kept from taking any dislike or offence at the dogges, the which if she should doe in the beginning, she will neuer indure them againe; for as I haue said before, it must bee considered that the former familiaritie betweene them was bred in the field, whereas the *Hawke* for the most part might alwaies see them before they came at her, and also (they) were rebuked and terrified by the man in such sort, as that they neuer came rushing or ouer rashly upon her, whereby she might take any fright or sodaine feare, but had imboldening and incouragement to stand or sit still in her owne defence. I haue knowne diuers coy *Hawks* my self, that through good following and well manning in the field, haue proued very bold and stout, to resist the rash and hastie encounters of very rough and vnruly *Spaniels*, that although through their owne hotnesse, and also the lightnesse of the Partridge, they haue caused her to carry it to some hedge or bush out of the way, to shrowde her selfe from them, yet would neuer quite forsake it: neuertheless, the same *Hawke* at her first entrance to the Couart, for want of the like gouernment, hath beene so suddenly feared and frighted, that shee would neuer after suffer any dogge in a thicke to come neere her, vnlesse her Keeper were first in with her. And therefore to auoid this inconuenience and ill qualitie at the first, it is meete that she bee better manned, followed and gouerned, then formerly in the field

It is the nature of the Hawke to haue her prey in priuate.

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ſhe was, where moſt commonly ſhe might looke about her, and behold the dogges ſome ſpace before they came at her; and alſo (they) might ſee and know her, and therefore ſo much the better ſhunne and go beſide her, for it is the raſh and ſudden ruſhing of the *Spaniels* vpon her, their ſight by meanes of the Couart being obſcured, and hauing an vncertaine and vnknowne mixture of ſents in their noſes, and not diſcerning at an inſtant any difference betweene them, vnleſſe the bels giue warning, that breeds this vile offence betweene thoſe friends, that ſhould be of one vnion. The Hawke & the Feſant.

Therefore, if you will haue her made a perfect *Hawke*, and to bee bold, valiant, and ventu- The Hawke & the Spaniels.
rous in the thicke woods, with the man, dogges and her game, as ſhee was in the plaine champaine fields, you ought to make good choyce both of time, place, and dogges at her firſt entrance; for the time, that would bee early before the leafe do ſtirre, for then the Feſant flyes not farre: alſo afterwards, the nature of them is to forſake the young ſhoots and ſmall groues, and draw to the high and thickeſt woods: alſo when the leafe doth fall, it is hard to reteriue with many or few dogs, and thoſe you ſhall vſe in number would be but few, and alſo very eaſie to bee commanded. The time to enter the Hawke.

Then when you haue made good choice of your place to flye your *Hawke* in, and that you haue let her go vnto her flight, you muſt bee

Beware of the Spaniels.

ſure to command your dogges behinde you, vntill you haue found her; then if ſhee haue killed it, you haue your deſire; if not, and that you chance to finde her on the ground, as it may wel be you may, for many of them at the firſt entering will bee verie hote and eager of that ſport, and often times ſeeking for it on the ground: but if there bee any tree neare-hand, that ſhee may well ſee from it, put her vp into the ſame, otherwiſe keepe her on your fiſt, and beat for it againe; then if ſhee doe flye and kill it, you muſt bee ſure to make ſtay of the dogges vntill you haue directly found her: which being done, you ſhall get conueniently and gently in to her, and if you diſlike the place for the vneaſineſſe or thickneſſe, you ſhall remoue her gently, and draw her into a more open place, where ſhe may with more eaſe quietly enioy her prey, and there ſuffer her to plume and take her pleaſure on it awhile; then call your dogs vnto you, and walke and ſtirre gently about her, with ſome moderate ruſling and buſling in the buſhes, the better to acquaint her with the ſame noiſe: then when you ſee it conuenient, ſtoope to her on your knees, and rending the chaps, giue her bloud in the throat, whereas it will iſſue plentifully, to her great content; then paring the hard braine-pan from the reſt, and couering the bodie with your hat giue her the head in her foot to eate on the ground; and hauing your *Spaniels* cloſe by you; when ſhee hath done, and beginneth to looke

It ſhews her true loue.

Let the Hawke haue no diſcouragement at the entring.

Good obſeruation for the young man.

looke about her, throw the Fesant, euen as it were in their very mouthes, that she may (together with some words of rebuke from your selfe) make them giue way with feare vnto her, yet drawing them into her sight againe to remaine, so long as she is on the ground, and while you make her supper readie: and when you see she hath taken her sufficient pleasure, exchange (that) artificially with her, and let her eate it on the ground where the quarrie lay, onely reseruing some little thing to take her to your fist withall; and then put on her hood, not forgetting to bestow some reward on her afterward, which she will be well pleased withall, and take it for a kinde conclusion at your hand, and will not bee curious to shew it outwardly in her behauiour vnto you, with seaking, ietting, rowsing, and such like ioyous shews and signes also of inward pleasure and contentment.

A great error or ouersight,

Many a man, as soone as hee hath taught his *Hawke* to draw and to come to his fist againe, neuer thinks or considers of any other point belonging, but onely which is the next way to the wood, whereas he hopes to finde his game, and vnto that place he runnes or rides on headlong in hope of some good successe; and when hee comes there, he may no doubt haue such fortune as to find his flight with speed: yet all this while he remembers not that hee hath a strange and vnacquainted *Hawke*, or a companie of vnruly *Spaniels*, but he is certaine and knows right well

that it hath good ſtore, and alſo ſo many, as if there be but one Feſant in a reaſonable Couart, one or another of them will ſpring him, or put him vp, which is all he takes care for. And when he hath ſo done, and his *Hawke* hath ſlone, the next courſe he takes, is, he ſends his dogges before, himſelfe poſting them forward, with a lowde voyce, and crying, Goe ret, go to the *Hawke* go, as though they had as much wit as himſelfe, and could mannage all things ſo well as he: and then, Haue after, hee cryes to himſelfe, and away he followes as faſt as he can, in hope to finde ſome comfort; but when he commeth neare to his *Hawke*, as he deemes, hee liſteneth, and looketh, and findeth her ſitting ſomething low in a tree, looking downward, and prying to the ground in mournfull wiſe, as though ſhee were much diſpleaſed: at which ſight, withall, he is ſomething amazed, and then beginneth to looke further about him, and ſearcheth buſily and narrowly vnderneath, and round about her, miſtruſting that all things is not well; at laſt he findeth a mention of ill fortune, as feathers, ſtumpes of wings, legges or feet; but the whole bodie, that would haue cauſed him to trauell with a merrie heart homeward, and alſo haue ſerued for a chiefe and choice diſh at the table, (that) is deuoured: then he beginneth to ſtampe, and in an angrie mood to conceiue of his owne errour, and that there hath beene a hot skirmiſh betweene the *Hawke*, a poore Feſant, and a confuſed

A great fault.

Why he ſent his dogs before him.

fuſed company of vnmannerly tikes, wiſhing in his heart that the third part of them were all hanged: neuertheleſſe there is ſome comfort, for there ſits the *Hawke* ſtill, as well as euer ſhee was, ſhee hath by good fortune not loſt one member, ſhee was too wiſe, and more afraid then hurt, as it chanced; ſhee thought it not fit to abide the brunt at ſuch a battell, nor neuer will hereafter, ſhe will hold it rather better for her the next time to be gone, as ſoone as ſhe beareth either dogge or what elſe ſoeuer, but to ruſtle within a pole of her. And after this manner there hath beene many an excellent *Hawke* and dogge quite ſpoyled; for the *Hawke* will euer after, out of her feare, leaue her prey; and the hungrie and rauenous dogge hauing taſted of the ſweetneſſe thereof, will follow as faſt and cunningly to haue it, ſo that they are both ſpoyled, and not one of them euer againe to bee reclaimed, without a ſpeedie courſe taken with a halter for the dogge; for that is meeteſt for a theefe, and ſuch dogges be alwayes called robbers of *Hawkes*, and therefore are fitteſt to bee hanged: and for the *Hawke*, although her warning hath beene great, and her feare to truſt ſuch enemies to come neere her any more; yet neuertheleſſe, with good vſage ſhe may be taught and made to forget it.

A halter is fitteſt for a thiefe

And after that manner and faſhion, as hath beene here formerly preſcribed, as, with a iudiciall keeper, and diſcreet follower, faire flying, and

A good obſeruation.

two or three ſtanch and ſeruiceable *Spaniels*; and yet to make it more plaine vnto you, I ſay, hee that doth haſte on his dogges, before himſelfe, after any yong or ſtrange *Hawke*, it is done raſhly, vnaduiſedly, and without any diſcretion or iudgement, and hee taketh the cleane contrarie way; for it is his part, ſo ſoone as his *Hawke* is flone, to follow her as ſecretly as he may, without any noiſe, alſo as faſt as he can, vntill he hath found her; when as, if ſhe hath killed it, hee is there then cloſe by her, to guard and defend her, and may call for his *Spaniels*, and let them haue vnderſtanding what is befallen, that their deſires may alſo bee ſatisfied; and they may come ſo neere vnto her, as hee ſhall liſt himſelfe, and no neerer, ſo that there ſhall be no offence at all committed, but all parts well pleaſed: on the contrarie, if ſhe hath miſſed her flight, yet there he is readie to call his *Spaniels*, and ſay, inſtead of Go ret, Here ret: and although they haue all loſt him in his race of running, yet hauing their hearing and ſmelling ſences, they will quickly be with him; ſo that when they do come and reteriue it, he is readie to rate them, and gouerne all things to his owne liking: likewiſe, if it be put to pearch, alſo there hee is readie to rebuke the dogges at the fall: ſo that theſe courſes being well obſerued and followed, will make any *Hawke*, of reaſonable mettle, excellent. And when you haue made her neuer ſo good and perfect, yet in ſlacking of theſe things ſhe will be

The Spaniels muſt know what they hunt for.

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as quickly marred; for the best of that kinde that euer did flye, will continue in goodnesse, and alter from the same, according as shee is ordered, flone, and followed.

There must be a continuance of carefull vsage.

But all this while wee haue forgot the poore *Hawke*, she is left vnconsidered of, let vs returne backe and see what is become of her, shee was not wont to remoue or flie from the marke or the man, but diligently to attend and wait his leisure; and when hee thought fit time to haue her, she would come downe most willingly to his fist.

But now hee commeth to make triall of her, and after his accustomed manner, calleth for her, but hee perceiueth the case to bee altered with her, for she no whit regardeth his call, she is so angry, and hath beene so much offended, and euen in the same temper away shee goes, railing from one place to another, it may bee a mile or two before he can by any meanes come by her, nay it is ten to one but she will kill a Henne or two before he can take her vp againe: which if shee doe so, I leaue it to the carefull *Ostringer* himselfe, to testifie and consider, what a trouble with vexation of minde he is fallen into, and almost knoweth not, neither can imagine, how or which way to remedie it. And therefore seeing that those kinde of *Hawkes* of all other, are so subiect to take dislikes, and learne ill conditions, it behoues euerie one that loues to keepe them, to be charie of them, and carefull, especially at their

The Hawke is angry, and the Keeper not wel pleased.

their firſt making and entring; for if they bee then wel made, wel entred and imboldened with the man, the dogges and their game, it will bee a hard matter afterwards to beat them out of loue ſo much, but that they may with skill and paines taking, be reclaimed and recouered again, whereas otherwiſe there is little or no hope at all to be had of them.

To imbolden the Hawke, and cauſe her take the Feſant frō the pearch with courage.

I haue yet omitted one courſe very requiſite to be conſidered of, and that ought to be taken, to teach the *Goſhawke*, and make her venter with boldneſſe to take the Feſant from the pearch, which ought to be practiſed and brought to perfection: before you doe offer her to flye thereunto, you ſhall prouide a young Capon or browne Pullet, and take with you to the wood; when you are diſpoſed to call her for her ſupper, and as ſhe is drawing and attending after you for the ſame, hauing a pole conuenient, prouided before for the ſame purpoſe, and fit oportunitie and place, you ſhall call your *Spaniels* about you to make them bay, and ſuddenly breaking the neck of the Poultrie, you ſhall at an inſtant liſt it vpon a bough, ſo high as the *Hawke* may well haue ſight; there ſtirring it, and withall, as before, crying Abay, abay vnto her: at which noiſe, and as it were to ſee it flutter, no doubt but ſhe will come in and pull it downe; which if ſhee ſhall ſo doe, bee ſure that the dogges may, with ſome rebuke from your ſelfe, giue her good leaue, and make way for her deſcending; then ſuf-

Keep the dogs in awe.

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for her to plume and take her pleaſure thereon, and nuzle her among the dogges, as you haue beene taught before, and giue her bloud in the throate, and let her bee well pleaſed and rewarded on it: and in vſing this courſe but a while, it will make her ſo bold and venturous, as that ſhee ſhall no ſooner ſee a Feſant goe to pearch, but ſhee will as ſoone and ſuddenly haue him by the eares, and pull him downe.

Alſo in vſing your art towards your *Spaniels*, with ſome words of threatning, and blowes with reaſon; it will alſo make them ſo vnderſtanding, and in ſuch ſubiection, as that you may boldly truſt them with her alone in your owne abſence, alwaies remembring there may be no ſtrangers amongſt them, for of that you ought to be moſt carefull at all times; for one ſtrange and vnruly dogge will put forward the beſt that be, and cauſe them to offend; and the *Hawke* alſo will ſuddenly know him, and giue way with feare vnto him, ſo that hee is ſufficient to marre the reſt, and the *Hawke* alſo: yet there be many men that neuer once thinketh or conſidereth of what dogges it is meete they ſhould Hawke withall, or ſuffer to hunt amongſt their owne that they haue had proofe on, and knoweth to be ſtanch and good: but certainely hee, whoſoeuer hee be, hath not neede to take more care for any thing whatſoeuer belonging to his arte, then for that one thing; for three or foure good dogges that be ſtanch, and knoweth what

Beware of ſtrange Dogs.

they ſhould doe, is at all times better then three or foure couple that be vnruly and riotous, as you may well vnderſtand, if you will but marke; when you ſhall ſuffer but one more to hunt with them, you ſhall ſee when as they will range and beate of very purpoſe quietly and cunningly for the Feſant, and chalenge of no other thing: the other dogge will hunt euery thing, or any thing that he firſt findeth; and not onely doe ſo, but alſo draw the other vnto him, and cauſe them to bawke the Feſant, that otherwiſe they would moſt certainly haue found. If this be ſo, as moſt true it is, then doe but conſider what many ſuch may doe: as alſo I doe not deny, but that they may all chance to ſpring together; yet if it fall out that they doe meete at a bay, they will not onely themſelues be readie to pull the *Hawke* in pieces, but alſo tempt the other, and ſet on them to doe the like, or at leaſt to deuoure the Feſant; that otherwiſe would neuer of themſelues haue any whit offended.

A great inconuenience.

An excellent diſh.

Thus hauing according to this one rule and preſcription, taught your *Hawke* this neceſſary and needfull leſſon, you may bee bold to ſhew her the wilde Feſant, when you finde it conuenient, and ſhee will be in all points readie to flie at him, and couragiouſly to make ſeazure, and prey vpon him without any feare.

Enter her firſt to the Cocke

Alſo you muſt be carefull to enter her firſt to the Cocke, for as I haue often told you, all *Hawkes* be not alike in their diſpoſition, but are of

of contrary natures, and therefore will require great and diligent attendance, and skill to finde out their properties: and the ſame being perfectly knowne, you may order your *Hawke* accordingly; whereas otherwiſe you ſhall commit many errors, and ſeldome make a good *Hawke*. Therefore, if you finde her at firſt to incounter boldly with him, you neede not doubt, being well pleaſed and blouded on him, afterward to let her take her pleaſure and chance in drawing, and to flye at what riſeth firſt, be it Cock or Hen. Contrariwiſe, if you perceiue her to be fearefull and cowardly, as not to buckle and kill him boldly, then with two or three daies reſt, and hard waſhed food, prepare her ſtomacke ſoundly, and put her to him againe, and leaue not off your paines and practiſe, vntill you haue made her to flie at him ſpiritfully, and kill him as boldly.

Seeke out the nature of the Hawke.

Some man before hee hath vſed any manner of meanes, whereby hee may geſſe or iudge of her, or what ſpirit or mettle is in her, will at very firſt put her vp to draw the Couart, thinking thereby to giue her ſome vantage towards her firſt entring: but many times hee is deceiued in his expectation, for the Henne Feſant is as eaſily found as the Cocke; and the verieſt daſtard of that kinde will ſeldome refuſe to flie at her, and alſo to kill her, and then being well blouded withall, her Keeper thinkes he hath done well, and his minde is pleaſed: but it is not ſo, for oftentimes

Great indiſcretion.

The verieſt daſtard will kill the Hen Feſant.

tentimes it falleth out, that afterward with all the arte and skill he hath, he ſhall neuer force her flye the Cocke againe.

Thus with theſe raſh and haſtie courſes, many *Hawkes* are quickly ſpoiled, which although at firſt they haue not ſo much mettle and ſpirit, with boldneſſe appearing in them, neither by nature, as many other *Hawkes* haue; yet with good conſideration of the ſame, and the carefull paines and skill of their Keeper, with due time adioined, they may be made very good *Hawkes*: and hee thereby ſhall iuſtly deſerue more praiſe and commendations for the perfect making of one ſuch *Hawke*, then often other, that will at firſt out of their owne ſpirit and mettle flye, and make themſelues without, in a manner, any aſſiſtance at all from their Keeper.

Worthy of commendation

## CHAP. XVI.

*A note worthy of obſervation for the imboldning of any* Hawke, *that hath beene rebuked or diſcouraged by the Spaniels.*

WHenſoeuer in your recreation and ſporting abroad with your *Hawk*, it ſhal be your hap to meete with ſuch a Feſant, as wil not, or otherwiſe is not able to riſe again after it hath beene hard flown, but ſhal be there taken on the ground betweene the dogges and your ſelfe; doe not then by my aduice, ſeeke for any open or plaine place to take your *Hawke* downe vpon, but otherwiſe and immediately it ſhall be your beſt courſe, to rebuke the dogges out of

This order will presently imbolden her.

the way, and withall to throw the Fesant vp aloft vnto her, vsing your voice withall, and there let her trusse it and fall with it to the ground, and if shee shall chance, through any feare or other occasion, to lose or let it goe by the way, as oftentimes it commeth so to passe; yet let her haue it againe, or else neuer to enioy it any other way, vntill shee will boldly doe the same without any feare at all, and then draw in your dogges about her, and acquaint them wel together; and for want of a Fesant, vse her oftentimes after this manner to take her downe with a pullet, amongst, or neere vnto the *Spaniels*, with such care, as that they may not any way offend her in the fall; and before it be long, this order will so well imbolden her with the fal, and incourage her to hold amongst the dogges againe, as that shee will quite forget all former vnkindenesses offered vnto her, and trusse her prey againe boldly, without any feare at all, being euermore assured, that vpon any such occasion, the stomacke may bee sharpe in the highest degree, for that will sharpen also her talens, and cause her to hold fast indeed. And without that one thing, there is no other course

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to be taken, or meanes to bee vſed with her, for ſhe will neuer be ſubiect to your will.

Alſo to vſe your yong *Hawke* at her firſt entrance after the ſame manner, it will perfectly incourage her to the like, whenſoeuer ſhee ſhall haue occaſion, without any manner of feare at all; for it is only at the firſt entring, being not acquainted, the falling to the ground or buſhes, neare vnto men or horſes, and the *Spaniels* baying with their ſeuerall noyſes, that doth terrifie her, and oftentimes after cauſeth the loſſe of prey from her foot: for of all *Hawkes*, ſhee is the moſt nice and choyce, and therefore wil aske and require more skill and attendance at her firſt making, then any other whatſoeuer; and for want of ſuch neceſſarie and iudiciall conſiderations and courſes, at that time, there hath bin many an excellent *Hawke* marred by her Keeper, before ſhee haue beene halfe made.

## CHAP. XVII.

### *The* Haggard Goſhawke *in particular.*

THus farre haue I written and diſcourſed of the *Goſhawk* in general, & ſhewed that of all other kinds, ſhe is the wildeſt and moſt ſtout *Hawke*, & that it is more difficult and hard at the firſt to draw her into true ſubiection, and familiaritie with the man, then any other whatſoeuer; and that it is altogether in vaine

vaine at that time to commit her into the cuſtodie or keeping of any young or vnexperienced Keeper, that is not able through his iudgement and skill, to order her as ſhe ought to be.

And I am now come to the *Hagart* in particular, as ſhee is diuided from the reſt of her owne generation, and will ſpeak ſomething concerning her ſelfe, becauſe there ought to bee ſome difference betweene them in the order and manner of dealing with them.

Of the Hagart.

She is the abſolute wildeſt *Hawke* of all, and will therefore deſerue much more labour and skill in her reclaiming and perfect making, then any of the other: and therefore there ought to be had ſo much the greater care and attendance on her, with ſuch or the like preparation againſt the time you intend to make her gentle, as I haue before preſcribed vnto you.

For whereas it is an vſuall courſe with moſt men vpon the receit of ſuch a *Hawke* from the Cage, ſuddenly to make her gentle, by peppering, watching, and other ſuch like accuſtomed vſes, without any former conſideration or imagination, how vnfit her bodie may bee, to bee ſo ſuddenly ſtriuen withall and ouer-heat with

holding and turmoiling in the hot water, that hath been reſted, and therefore moſt like is charged and ouercharged with groſſe imperfect fatneſſe, and other ſuch like humors, which being ſo ſuddenly ſtirred and diſperſed by immoderate and haſtie dealing, may well hazard her life; and for certaine many *Hawkes* haue beene loſt that way.

Wherefore I would haue you call to minde what order I haue formerly preſcribed for ſuch a *Hawke*; and that being well effected, then may you go forward boldly after the ſame manner, and ſee there be no ſparing of paines in carrying and other neceſſarie courſes, vntill you well perceiue by all ſignes of her good behauiour towards you, that ſhee is gentle and well reclaimed.

Further, as touching her dyet, feeding, calling, or other manner of outward or inward dealing, vntill ſhee bee ready to flie; I ſhall not need to meddle withall, becauſe I haue before ſo plainly expreſſed the ſame, onely I would haue you to obſerue this one note; which is, that theſe kinde of *Hawkes* being wilde, do all naturally loue to feed on their prey in couart places, as where they may not be diſcried or ſeene, by other ſuch birds of the ayre as loueth them not.

Alſo, and otherwiſe being reclaimed by the man, whenſoeuer they do take it in any champaine or plaine place, they will do the like, and carry it to the next place of harbour, to be ſhrou-

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ded or ſhadowed there; ſo much and ſo often they haue beene not onely taught, but alſo forced vnto it, being abroad and ſhifting continually amongſt their enemies, that would, but that they dare not, perſecute them for their vigour and crueltie, ſuch is their malice towards them; and therefore neuertheleſſe, will not ceaſe with open crie to raile and wonder at them while that they may be ſeene, and oftentimes cauſeth them to forſake their prey. Crows, kites, and all other ſuch vermine.

In this regard, when any one of theſe *Hawkes* hath after this manner ſafely ſhrowded her ſelfe, ſhe will ſit very cloſe, and preſently fall to feeding: which euil courſe ſhe will continually hold, to the great trouble and vexation of her keeper, vnleſſe ſhe bee with great care and skill well reclaimed from the ſame. A great inconuenience.

Wherefore, during the time of her calling, it behoueth you to take this courſe with her, although you do call and draw her by your chirping and whiſtle, along after you, through the thicke and couart places, the which is meet you ſhould do; yet do not there take her to your fiſt to bee fully ſatisfied, but let her ſtill attend and waite on you, vntill you come to ſome plaine conuenient place, and there entertaine her in the beſt manner to the fiſt, and let her feed a little thereon; then put to her leaſe, and let her eate the reſidue on the ground cloſe by you, and hauing reſerued ſome ſtumpe or other ſuch thing, take her to your fiſt againe, and ſo conclude with

her for that time. Alſo forget not, but that you do ſtoope gently to her on your knee, and quietly and ſoftly conney ſome bits vnſeene farre off vnto her, that you giue her no cauſe of vnquietneſſe, as to ſtrike at your hand with her tallons: for thoſe kinde of *Hawkes* will not endure to haue any ſuch thing openly ſhewed, or offered vnto them; they will be ſo ſharply diſpoſed and eager at the ſight of it, and therefore there ought to be moſt heed taken by the man in his behauiour towards them, and neatnes vſed, with handſome and cleanly conueyances in all his outward dealings.

This courſe being well perfected with quiet and gentle vſage euerie day, ſo long as you doe call her, will ſo imbolden her, and worke all manner of feare out of her, as that ſhee will neuer after haue any deſire to carrie any thing from you: ſhee will grow ſo farre in loue, and bee familiar with you; but will bee well pleaſed, and account her ſelfe ſafely ſhrowded when ſhe hath your companie, and is cloſe by you.

Now when you haue after this manner thus kindly reclaimed and framed her to your will, it will be good time to enter her to the field, and before for that I haue ſo plainly ſet downe and preſcribed the order & manner how and which way to accompliſh the ſame, I will omit to ſpeak any more of that point, and proceed onwards to the next.

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When as ſhe ſhall come to kil Partridge, then as I haue formerly aduiſed, you muſt be ſure to get gently in to her, hauing before prouided her dinner or ſupper readie dreſſed; and as ſhee fitteth on the Partridge, beſtow the ſame on her in bits, with neat and handſome conueyance, which will prolong her time in pluming, and ſtay the ſharpneſſe of her appetite and deſire to feed, which is not fit ſhe ſhould do; for it would cauſe her to loue that better then your ſelfe, and to be loath and vnwilling afterwards at any time to bee bereaued of it, and thereby will take occaſion to carrie it from you, hoping to enioy it to her ſelfe more ſecret and quietly; whereas otherwiſe this courſe will ſo pleaſe her, and draw her loue ſo certaine to you, as that ſhee will neuer after offer to carrie one feather from you.

She would bee pleaſed alwaies from your hād.

In ſome thicke couart.

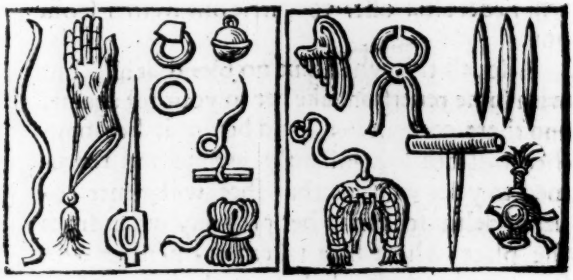
Alſo, all this while giue no bloud at all, but with ſome reuerſion take her to your fiſt againe, and there content her, and before it bee long, ſhee will bee ſo conſtantly wonne and reclaimed to your will, as that ſhee will neuer couet or deſire to carrie her prey any whit from the place where ſhee taketh it; neither will ſhee euer breake it, ſo long as there is one feather left on it, but ſtill attend for your comming and to haue a reward onely at your hand. And therefore, if you may chooſe, let her neuer take any bloud her ſelfe, but when you haue well nuzled and inured her herein, and that

I ſpeak this by experience, & on my credit.

you doe at any time after finde her with a Partridge in her foot: then after good time ſpent in pluming, take off the head and necke, and giue it vnto her with the moſt part of her ſupper together; which when ſhe hath eaten, and doth looke about her, take her to your fiſt, and ſo conclude with her.

## CHAP. XVIII.

*That the* Hawke *being well entred, and in loue with Partridge, ought not to be ſlowe to the Couart at all.*



IT is a rare thing to haue an *Hawke* of this kinde to bee good to the field and couart both; and therefore if you perceiue your young *Hawke* at her firſt making to bee nimble

ble and wight of her wings, and alſo to ſet her loue on the Partridge, and thereon to take delight, which will eaſily bee perceiued by her eager and fierce flying, with the ioy ſhee will take in it, and iocond buſineſſe ſhee will haue with it, when ſhe hath the Partridge in her foot: then this being well approued, it were great pittie to let her ſee the Feſant at any time, or at leaſt to vſe her to that kinde of game or manner of flight: for being a *Hawke* ſo eager and greedie of her prey, as they all in their owne natures bee, will deſire and more delight a ſhort flight, and to haue it ſpeedie, then otherwiſe to couet or bee willing to purſue it, and hold out at length; which ſhe ſhall be conſtrained to do, if ſhe will haue the mounting and ſtyning Partridge to be at her command: and for the Feſant, by reaſon that he is a fowle in ſhew and other appearance, farre greater then the other: hee ſeemeth alſo in the manner of his flight, to bee ſo much the more vnweildie and heauie, and flyeth not ſo farre as the Partridge doth; all which are great prouocations, and tempteth the *Hawke* to flye couragiouſly with more eagerneſſe and ſpiritfull aſſurance to enioy him, then the other; therefore his flight is of force, and ſufficient to withdraw her loue cleane away, although ſhee hath beene otherwiſe well entred, inured, and blouded before: for the beſt *Hawke* of that kind, being wilde, and at her owne diſpoſing, couet-eth not, if they may chooſe, to flye farre after

He is a toling and a tempting bird.

The Feſant.

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The true nature of the Hawke.

the thing ſhe chiefly deſireth to prey vpon, but moſt commonly vſeth her policie by ſudden and cunning ſtealing vpon the ſame, and what ſhe can winne after that manner ſooneſt, and with leaſt paines, the ſame ſhe moſt delighteth in; by which appeareth, when we haue them in our owne cuſtodie and keeping, the beſt of them all may be made bad enough through want of skill and knowledge, with other careleſſe vſage in her Keeper.

Contrariwiſe, who hath a true care and vnderſtanding in the Art hee profeſſeth, may through his labour and painfull practiſe, make one of farre more baſer mettle to doe him right good ſeruice.

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## Chap. XIX.

*To teach the* Goshawke *to flye to the Wilde-ducke or Mallard, that frequenteth the ponds or priuate pittes; which is a good sport, and a good prey when it is taken.*

AS you know right well, in most Countries there bee many odde ponds that stand in close and secret places, as amongst shrubs, or bushes, or otherwise inuironed with wood growing vpward, that hideth and obscureth the water from the sight and knowledge of any trauellers that passeth to and fro, vnlesse they be such as perfectly knoweth them, or otherwise, those that by chance doth light

The nature of the fowle.

vpon them. In theſe kinde of pooles the Mallard, with the Duckes his louing companions, doth take great delight and pleaſure, there to repoſe and ſolace themſelues priuately together, to their great contentment and ſafe aſſurance againſt any enemy, that ſhall by ſtealth draw neere to betray them.

Now whereas I haue formerly deliuered my opinion herein, that there is no *Hawke* of this kinde, in her wildeneſſe, but is able to ſhift for her ſelfe ſufficiently, and kill ſundrie kindes of prey; and afterward being reclaimed: wherefore then ſhould not the man by his art, cauſe any of them to doe the like for him? ſo that by this reaſon there is no excuſe to be made for him that ſhall haue one of them in his hand a long time, to practiſe and worke vpon, and ſhall in the end ſay ſhee is a buzzard; ſhee is of a bad carry, he can make her do nothing at all. To the which I anſwere, that ſuch a one is more fit for ſome other calling, then to beare the title or name of either *Faulconer* or *Oſtringer*; for if ſhee may be made but to kill meate for other *Hawkes*, ſhee is well worthie of her owne, and there is ſome pleaſure in it beſides; and for ſuch a one as will neither be forced by the art and induſtrie of her Keeper, to kill the Partridge or Fesant, I wil here ſhew how ſhee may be made not onely to puruey for her owne or other *Hawkes* dyet, but alſo to giue good ſatisfaction and content to her Keeper: and to accompliſh and bring the ſame

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to perfection, you muſt obſerue well this order following.

When your *Hawke* is readie in all points to be flown, you muſt prouide you of three or foure hand-fowle, if they be not wilde, yet bee ſure they may bee of the ſame colour, or as neere as you can, the which you ſhall let your *Hawke* only flie at, and foote out of ones hand one after another, day after day, and let her plume and be well rewarded of them; and when you perceiue that ſhee will doe thus with an eager and hot deſire, as no doubt, but ſhee will very quickly doe in the higheſt degree of loue towards them; then you muſt prouide you of a fowle or two more, as you may eaſily doe, and alſo that will flie ſo farre as you ſhall haue neede: and when you purpoſe to goe abroad againe with your *Hawke*, ſend one before you with a fowle, and alſo your directions, to ſome cloſe place of plumpe of buſhes, where he may be very ſafely ſhrowded from your ſelfe, and alſo the ſight of the *Hawke*; then ſhall you follow after your ſelfe with her rightly prepared, with her ſtomacke ſharpely edged for her prey: and when you come there cloſe by the brimme or border of the thicket or fore-pointed harbour, and hauing your *Hawke* readie for a ſudden and delightfull encounter, you ſhall ſtrike hard on the buſhes with your pole, at which fore-knowne warning, the ſtill couched meſſenger, ſhall with all his might toſſe the fowle aloft vpright; which if ſhee doe with courage

Spurres to pricke her forward.

courage take, an excellent catch-Ducke ſhe will make.

Then after this you may boldly goe to the ponds or pits, where the wilde fowle lies, and as before ſaid, creepe as neere as you may, holding your *Hawke* as high as you can, and with your pole beate vp the fowle, when as they ſhall no ſooner beginne to riſe, but ſhee will be as readie at the ſudden ſowce to pull one of them backe againe; which if ſhee doe ſo, bee ſure to croſſe the wings of it, and let her take her pleaſure thereon in pluming, and bee rewarded of the ſame, and after that ſhee will not miſſe one flight that ſhe ſhall be flown to after that manner: alſo it will not bee amiſſe to haue a dogge alwaies with you: for ſometimes after the *Hawke* is well acquainted with the ſport, ſhee will bee ſo nimble and quicke at the catch, that they will fall both into the water together, and by that meanes the fowle may goe to plunge, ſo that then the dog may and will be readie to doe you good ſeruice, whereby neuertheleſſe the *Hawke* may be ſerued and well pleaſed againe.

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## CHAP. XX.

*To flye to the Wilde-goose or Hearon, to the Rook, the Mew, or any other such short flight, which are to be killed at the sudden sowce, by the policie of the* Hawke *that is not swift of her wing to take them otherwise.*

THe most *Hawkes* of this kinde, doth naturally loue to prey vpon any of these things that I haue here named, and therefore it is so much the easier to make one of them by arte to flie thereunto:

neuertheleſſe, on this conſideration, that they in their wildeneſſe doe not altogether diſpoſe themſelues towards any one particular thing of them, nor ſettle their loues or deſire onely on them, nor no more then they doe of the reſt, or many other things that they alſo doe vſe to prey vpon, as well as they; therefore if you will haue one of them to doe you ſeruice therein, and to be conſtant in her flight thereunto, you muſt not vſe her raſhly, as truſting wholly in her owne naturall diſpoſition, or loue to the thing you would haue her to flie vnto. But you muſt giue a further addition and aſſiſtance to the ſame, by your owne arte and cunning practiſe, extraordinarily to increaſe and make it perfect withall; for there is no man of any vnderſtanding, that hath a buſineſſe of any importance to accompliſh, that will goe raſhly about the ſame, and without any conſideration, thinke euen ſo to effect it, but he will bethinke himſelfe better of it, and caſt which is the beſt way, and what courſe is fitteſt for him to take in it; and then hee will arme and prepare himſelfe with diſcretion, to put the ſame in practiſe and execution; and no doubt, but then hee ſhall haue all things goe to his liking, and alſo good ſucceſſe in the concluſion.

Her owne loue

An addition of example.

Euen ſo likewiſe when you haue taught your *Hawke* to goe, and to come againe vnto your fiſt, and that as you thinke ſhee is readie in all points to be flown, yet it is not fit that then you goe

goe with purpoſe to flie her, or to force her flie at what you liſt, or would haue her to kill: but you muſt further conſider what kinde of things ſuch a *Hawke* in her wildeneſſe doth vſe to prey and liue vpon, and is poſſible for the man by his arte to make her vnto.

Then all this being well conſidered and thought on, you may make your choice, as of which one particular thing you would haue her moſt addicted vnto, and to loue better then the reſt, for your owne delight and pleaſure; ſo as if you thinke well euen of the Rooke, a fowle, which although there is not much worth in the thing it ſelfe, yet it will ſerue well for her owne or other *Hawkes* diet: and alſo through this order and obſeruation, you may bee inſtructed how to make her to other things of more importance and value, as to any of thoſe other things I haue formerly named.

Therefore when you haue your *Hawke* readie in all points to flie, you muſt prouide you of ſome liue traines, the which you may eaſilie doe, either in Summer or Winter; then when you would enter your *Hawke*, let one of them haue the wing pulled or cut; and when you come into the field in ſome greene place or ſlade, let the ſame bee placed or ſette downe there on the ground, and retire backe your ſelfe, with your *Hawke*, ſome fortie paces from it, or as you ſhall ſee cauſe, for you may draw neere vnto it againe at your owne pleaſure; then take off her Hood,

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that shee may looke round about her; and finde where the traine is very like, busily disposed, as stirring, walking, or such like: then if shee doe flie to it, and take it, let her plume and bee well rewarded on it: and after this manner you must order her, vntill she will finde the traine readilie as it is walking, so farre off as shee may well see it, and goe as readily and take it after that fashion.

Then the next time you intend to walke abroad, let your traine be a flyer, and placed at one end of a long creance, with a peg put slightly into the ground, only to stay it, and no more, some yard or two from the end, whereunto the traine is fastened; and at the other end of the creance a marke set whereby you may readilie find it: then draw towards it, and vnhood your *Hawke*, that shee may see it; and when shee hath found it, and is gone from the fist well towards it, be sure to pull vp the peg, that when the traine shall see her well neare come at it, it may haue some libertie to flie, although it bee but neuer so little before she doe take it.

The traine.

Thus if you can after this manner in your discretion, let her kill some two or three more, and so order the matter with the creance, that when the *Hawke* shal be almost at it, euen then it may haue some reasonable scope to rise before shee can take it; it will so nuzzell her, as that shee wil not after misse the wilde Rooke or any other thing you shall after this manner make her vnto.

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The *Taſſell* is farre more fit to be ſtone to this flight, or any other ſuch ſmall flight, then the *Hawke* is, and ſhee is meeteſt for the other great flights, as the Gooſe, or the Hearon, and none but ſhee: I haue ſeene my ſelfe a *Taſſel* that would very ſeldome miſſe one flight in ten, but would purſuey for many other *Hawkes*; and which way ſoeuer he was carried, he was found certaine and ſure in his ſeruice, and ſaued both man and horſe much labour, and alſo what other charge belonged to that place, as ſhot and powder, with peece, and ſuch like; and yet he was neuer worth one groat for the Partridge: neuertheleſſe for his other ſeruice in my owne eſtimation he right well deſerued, not onely his owne ſuſtenance, but alſo due praiſe and commendation. Alſo as I haue told you, after this manner you may teach the *Hawke* to kill the Gooſe or the Hearon, and ſhee will quickly grow farre in loue with them, if ſhe be well trained; yet the Gooſe is a ſtrong Fowle, and wil oftentimes wrong a *Hawke* very much with her wings: therefore beware you giue no traines vnbrayld of both wings, vntill the *Hawke* be well blouded; ſo ſhall you be ſure to encourage her

A good condition.

throughly, and preuent all danger that may otherwiſe happen in her making. For I did know right well my ſelfe one *Hawke*, that had one of her eyes cleane beaten out with the pinion of a Gooſe wing, and were oftentimes before verie much bruſhed and beaten with them; for which cauſe it is not fit to flie thereunto without one horſe in the companie, to haſte in to ſuccour and helpe the *Hawke*.

There be many of theſe *Hawkes* that be verie large and ſtrong, and withall as heauie and ſluggiſh of their wings, and therefore will neuer hold out to any of the long flights, but altogether do ſhift and get their prey by ſubtiltie and craft; neuertheleſſe the moſt of them are verie hardie to ſeize on any thing. And theſe be they that are moſt fit to bee made and taught to flie to theſe ſhort and great flights, and to catch at the ſudden ſowce; which they will very quickly learne to do with your owne art and aſſiſtance, becauſe their owne nature doth very much direct and leade them euen vnto it.

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## CHAP. XXI.

### *Of the* Sparhawke.

CONſidering that at firſt it was my ſpeciall purpoſe to treate of ſhort-winged *Hawkes*; and alſo in my proceeding, with them to ioyne ſome others, the which I haue not forgotten to ſpeake of: ſo alſo let me be no more vnmindfull of one demie creature, that for her ſpirit and mettle, is well worthie to march in the beſt company, and therein is nothing inferiour: The *Sparhawke* I meane, which, I haue knowne to be of great worth and eſtimation, for the well performing of her ſeruice, with great delight and pleaſure extended to her Keeper; as by her ſpirit

and policie to take any thing ſhe ſhall be made to, and the manner how, as at the firſt ſight of the thing wherewithall ſhe intendeth to incounter, to behold how, and in what manner ſhe firſt falleth flat to the fiſt, ſhewing thereby her imbecillitie and vnableneſſe of bodie, for ſuch vnequall matches: withall, as it were with diſcretion and deliberation, findeth her beſt aduantage; and ſo expecting the ſpeedie preſence of her Keeper, and his kinde aſſiſtance in the skirmiſh, away ſhee goeth couragiouſly, cloſe by the ground ſo nimbly, to the wilde Crow, the Rooke, the Mewe, the Lapwing, the Ringdoue, the Houſedoue on the lands, the Pie-annit, the brauing and chattering Iaye; and there is none of all theſe fowles, beſides ſome others that I haue omitted, but after this manner ſhee will make ſubiect to her command, and yeeld to the mercie of her ſharpe and piercing tallons. And for the Partridge, I haue likewiſe knowne her as great a commander, and to hold out, and continue all the Summer time, as well as any other *Hawkes* would do. And now on the contrarie (ſhee) poore prettie Bird, is of no requeſt or reckoning at all, but is almoſt quite forgotten of all men: for the which they are much to blame vndoubtedly; for by experience, I know, during that ſeaſon, there is no better *Hawke* then ſhee, if ſhee be kept as ſhee ought to bee, high, luſtie, and ſtrong: but in theſe dayes the young man hath ſo deeply addicted himſelfe to ſloath

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and idleneſſe, with drowſie ſluggiſhneſſe, and other wandering mutabilities, as that he had rather dye then to meddle with a *Hawke* that will require either labour or attendance early or late, or any other time of the day, but will reclaime and make their *Hawkes* gentle with bating and hanging by the heeles, which is the cauſe, and for want of better guiding, that theſe poore ſilly birds be not able to performe their ſeruice, which otherwiſe they would do; for you muſt vnderſtand they be all but wretches, of little and ſmall ſtrength; and to haue any part of that diminiſhed or taken away, it is not poſſible they ſhould be able to maintaine their flight: but otherwiſe, to bee ſtrongly kept in the Hood, and alwayes ſlone from the ſame, ſhee is a moſt excellent *Hawke*, and will kill more Partridge in one day, then the beſt long-winged *Hawke* will doe in two; and ſhe is for euery place, you need make no difference of thicke or thinne. And for her dyet, that would bee of the daintieſt meat you can get, vnleſſe in other times of reſt, and alſo then, not forgetting to waſh it well and drie it againe, eſpecially if ſhee bee moued: likewiſe againſt ſhee is to flye, ſhee muſt bee prepared after the ſame manner, with a ſhort cut to put a perfect edge on her, and then ſhe will flye after the beſt manner; and no *Hawke* with more ſpirit and mettle then ſhee. Alſo ſhee would not be ſlone in the morning, vnleſſe ſhee bee prepared ouer-night with a ſhort and cleane ſupper

for the purpoſe, and then ſhee will flie for her owne reward, and content of her Keeper. Likewiſe, you ought to haue alwayes a prettie box about you, full of freſh Butter, mixed with a little Saffron and Sugarcandie, to giue with her meat now and then, or to eate out of the box; which ſhe will do with great delight, and it will keepe her head euermore looſe, and in good temper, and alſo preuent the Cray, and keepe her proud and full of ſpirit.

## CHAP. XXII.

### *Of the* Lanner *and* Lanneret.

I Am now come to ſpeake of the *Lanner* and *Lanneret*, which although they be a kinde of *Hawkes*, I neuer tooke much delight in, yet I

will ſhew you my opinion, and what otherwiſe I haue gathered by my little practiſe and obſeruation from them.

Then firſt giue me leaue to let you vnderſtand that in my obſeruation they are all by nature and kinde, of a hard and dull diſpoſition, apt to do little good of themſelues, nor otherwiſe, but what they are forcibly compelled to do, by their Keepers ordering of them. And for the *Lanner* her ſelfe, in my life time I haue heard heere and there one of them that hath beene called or accounted good; but as one Swallow maketh no Summer, ſo one particularitie concludeth no generalitie: alſo and otherwiſe, the beſt good ſhewed by them at any time, in the little experience that I haue had of them, doth alwayes appeare without true delight, after a tedious and baſe toyling kinde of faſhion, and in my opinion farre vnfit to giue a Gentleman content in his ſport and recreation: and ſo I will ceaſe here to ſpeake any more in generall, but eſpecially in diſcommendations of them, leſt I ſhould ſeeme offenſiue to any, or to daunt the yong *Faulconer*, or him that moſt of all for their ſoundneſſe and long laſting, deſires to practiſe and be dealing with them: but what was it that I ſaid before? did I ſay that I would euen ſo leaue them? ſurely that were not well done of mee, I muſt needs confeſſe; and it ſhall go hard neuertheleſſe, but I ſhall finde in my memorie ſome cauſe, wherefore I ſhould not altogether ſo forſake

ſake them, but rather to make ſome amends, it is otherwiſe meet I ſhould do ſomething in praiſe particularly of them.

## CHAP. XXIII.

### *Of the* Haggard Lanner.

AS the *Eyas* of this kinde exceedeth other *Hawks*, towards their Keeper, in loue and gentleneſſe, euen ſo doth the *Haggard* of the ſame nature, as farre ſurpaſſe the reſt in exceeding wildeneſſe, and are very hard to be reclaimed; and therefore whoſe hap it ſhal be to meet with any of them, he muſt take extraordinarie time and paines to make them gentle; and alſo all the luring time the like

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courſe muſt be vſed, and ſee that ſhee be taught and made to come perfectly to the Lure, onely garniſhed with hard waſhed meate, and that beſides ſhee may receiue the better part of her reward in bittes at your hands; euen as you were to order the *Faulcon:* and afterwards during her trayning, there muſt be much time taken, and otherwiſe the very ſelfe-ſame ordering and outward manner of dealing, that I haue formerly appointed for the *Haggard Faulcon*, in any other booke of Hawking: ſo that it were but in vaine for me to ſet downe any other particular preſcription; and no doubt, but with ſuch well gouerning, and good time taken, they may make good *Hawkes*: it was neuer my happe, to my remembrance, to ſee any more then one Caſt of them, and they neuer came to any perfection, but euen were deſtroyed through their owne coyneſſe, and their Keepers ouer much haſte and raſhneſſe, and alſo his hard dealing in their diet, and with too much ſtoaning: and ſo I will ceaſe to ſay any more of them, but will proceed to the other of the ſame kinde.

## CHAP. XXIIII.

### *of the* Ramage Lanner *to the Field.*

THere be many of theſe *Hawkes* that haue reaſonable ſpirits and mettle remaining in them, and doe ſometimes proue good *Hawkes*, when it is their happes to light into their hands that hath iudgement and knowledge to reclaime them.

Alſo in my obſeruation they are very Ramage and coy *Hawkes*, and therein do differ very little or nothing from the *Haggard Faulcon*, and it is as eaſie a matter to reclaime the one as the other; nay otherwiſe I hold it in generall, rather eaſier to make the *Faulcon* in euery reſpect more fit to be flown to the field then ſhee; they be ſo different

different in their natures; for example, the *Faulcon*, although they are not all of one diſpoſition, yet almoſt the very worſt & ſtubborneſt in nature of the kinde, will bee made to become tractable & louing, both vnto man, horſe, and dog, with gentle and louing vſage, in due time beſtowed on them.

For they are compoſed of a farre more choyce and delicate mettle, in reſpect of their bodily conſtitution, and alſo are louing and kinde, euen in their owne nature, as it were altogether diſclaiming their former courſe of wilde liuing, and wholly ſubiecting and ſubmitting themſelues to the man and his direction, in all francke and freeneſſe, with a maine and ſpirituall performance of their loue and ſeruice to their Keeper.

On the contrary part, the *Lanner*, as ſhee is nothing inferiour to the other in ramage and wildeneſſe, ſo is ſhee more hard of ward, and of a farre more ſtrong and ſound conſtitution, and yet will not bee drawne by any gentle dealing to doe any thing, or to be pleaſing to the man, but will euermore deſerue to haue ſpurres put to her dull diſpoſition, to pricke her forcibly for-

ward to performe her duty; and yet when you haue done the beſt you can, as manned her, lured, trayned and ſtayed her; all which to effect, I can preſcribe no better courſe then the very ſame that I haue ſpoken of, or taught in my other Booke, for the *Haggard Faulcon* onely, and excepting her dyet, for that muſt be conſidered of, with hard waſhed meate and ſtones, more or leſſe, as you ſhall finde her naturall inclination; for you muſt vnderſtand that they are not all alike, but doe differ as much as others doe; and therefore ought to bee regarded thereafter.

Now when you haue thus farre forth effected your deſire, yet haue you not well concluded with her, vnleſſe you be mindefull of this one thing, and alſo haue well perfected the ſame; which is, that through your paines and skilfull practiſe you doe well ſtay her, and by your art alſo reſtraine her from dragging or carrying any thing from you; the which ill qualitie, there is no one *Hawke* more ſubiect vnto then ſhee.

Therefore, to preuent the ſame; firſt, you muſt be ware, that if ſhee but once onely knoweth the Lure, that you lure her no more, but once at one time, and let that ſuffice, although you take the more time to make her, which ſhall be the more for her good; for otherwiſe it will hazard the ſpoyle of her, or any other *Hawke* you intend to make to the field; for ſo ſoone as

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ſhee once knoweth the Lure, ſhe will ſettle her loue on it, and deſire to hold it, and will be loath to be taken vp from it to be lured againe, and will quickly grow fearefull to let you or any other man to come neare her, leſt ſhee ſhould be depriued of that which ſhe chiefely deſireth to enioy, and will dragge and couer to carrie it from you.

Alſo during the time of her luring and training, you had need be carefull to order the buſineſſe ſo, as that ſhe may haue her reward, for the moſt part, at your hand in bits, onely reſeruing ſome ſmall quantitie to take her to your fiſt withall and all this while you muſt haue your *Spaniels* cloſe by you, as ſhe is on the ground, and euery day acquaint them well together; for they be *Hawkes* of all other that be moſt coy and fearefull to ſuffer any dogges to come neare them.

Alſo at her firſt entring you ought to haue but few dogges, and ſuch as be both coole and gentle, vntill ſhee be well entred and alſo acquainted with them; and then ſhee will be out of all danger, although she should afterwards at ſome times be put beſides her prey, yet shee will not be beaten quite out of loue, or diſcouraged therewith, but euen ſlightly will account of ſuch an accident, becauſe shee had beene ſo kindly vſed and nuzled amongſt them before; whereas otherwiſe for want of this kind of carefull ordering and gouerning at the firſt, if she

ſhould chance to take any fright or ſudden feare with a dogge, ſhee would neuer abide them againe, being a *Hawke* ſo coy and apte vnto it, and alſo ſtrong and well able to carry her prey away: ſhee were quite and for euer made; for ſhee wil too ſoone know her owne ſtrength, and whenſoeuer ſhee ſhall haue a Partridge in her foot, ſhee will ſuffer neither man nor dogge to come neare her, but ſhee will carry it away and prey vpon it; which if ſhe ſhould doe but onely once, that is as much as one hundreth, for ſhee will neuer be reclaimed from it. And this is the onely fault the *Ramage Lanner* is ſubiect vnto, and alſo the beſt end of as many as fals not into a carefull, skilfull, and painfull Faulconers hand.

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## CHAP. XXV.

### *Of the* Ramage Lanner *for the Riuer.*

IT cannot be denied but that there hath beene *Hawkes* of this kinde, both vpward and high flying, and alſo ſtout and tough of their wings to maintaine the ſame. And I haue as often maruelled with my ſelfe what the reaſon ſhould be, that in my time no man (of my knowledge) hath euer made triall what perfection ſuch a *Hawke* might be brought vnto for the Riuer, conſidering they be alſo hardie enough. Likewiſe I doe very well remember, that when I was but very young of yeares my

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ſelfe, I heard an ancient Gentleman report, that in former times they were vſually flowne thereunto, and were held in great eſtimation for the ſame; and in thoſe times the *Heggard Faulcon* was not knowne: He likewiſe affirmed that hee had a *Lanner* himſelfe that would flye very high and very long, euen like vnto the wilde *Hobbie*, the which was bred in Molton Parke: and in drawing through the young ſprings, himſelfe and his *Spaniels* in a Forreſt where hee liued, as he often vſed to doe, with his *Hawke* high flying ouer him, he hath ſometimes put vp fowle vnawares vnto him that vſed to lye in plaſhie or waterie places in the ſaid Groues or buſhie cloſes, the which ſhe would not miſſe, but kill one of them at her downe-come. Alſo at other times the Feſant cocke, the Woodcocke and the Partridge; and for theſe things that I haue named, there could not any of them come to her amiſſe, ſuch was the excellency and goodneſſe hee had brought her vnto through his plaine and ſimple skill: for of my owne knowledge he was no Faulconer, although he had ſome loue and little vnderſtanding, as many others haue that likes well the ſport. Now if this were true, as I doe verily beleeue it was, for that hee was a man, as I haue told you, truely ancient, and of good reputation: wherefore then ſhould not wee in theſe daies and times of more experience, and greater knowledge, in ſome ſort, ſhake off this habit of ſloath & idleneſſe that we haue been trained vp

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and nuzled in this many yeares? and ſummon our wits and deuices together, not onely to teach vs tread the path of our ancient friends, and imitate their inuentions, but alſo well to applaud them for the ſame with due reſpect to their inſtructions. But ſome man may replye and ſay, Wherefore ſhould we ſo much trouble our ſelues with ſuch dull mettelled humours as they bee, that will aske ſo much labour and paines about them, before they can be brought to any perfection? There is the braue ſpirited *Haggard Falcon Gentle*, ſhee will bee reclaimed and made with a trice; and ſhee is of a louing diſpoſition, and alſo as franke and free of her mettle: and therefore if wee will beſtow on her but one three weeks, or a moneths well luring and training with Doues to cauſe her to loue vs, ſhee will be wholly wedded to vs, and will not away. And moreouer, ſhee will as ſuddenly vnderſtand what ſhee ſhould doe; for ſhee will not require much inſtruction. And this is the bird worthy of due commendation. To the which ſaying I yeeld, and will ſay no leſſe, for I can no way wiſely diſpraiſe her; for if I ſhould, I muſt do both my ſelfe great wrong, and her alſo, that before I haue ſo highly commended: but thus farre giue mee leaue to anſwer, as it is in ſome ſort truly ſaid, and may alſo bee as well performed with ſome *Hawke*, ſo is it on the other ſide, as ſlightly and ſimply anſwered; and it is as common in theſe dayes with euery nouice

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of little or no vnderſtanding, that hath but newly gotten his Art onely in fit tearmes and phraſes, and for any other reaſon they haue or can alledge about ſuch a *Hawke*, or of what elſe belongs vnto her, but onely that common ſaying by euery one of well louing the *Haggart*. I haue knowne in my time many ſhepheards reſorting to Hawking places, that I durſt haue vndertaken to haue taught any of them with a few plaine inſtructions in one fortnight, to haue performed as much ſo well as they, with ſome *Hawke* of the kinde, although there bee ſome other of the ſame generation that will put twenty wiſer men then they to their ſhifts. but I would verie faine heare of one of theſe ſelfe conceited young men that would ſomewhat withdraw his affection from theſe kinde of *Hawkes* that are ſo eaſily, and with little paines reclaimed, and will in a manner as they ſuppoſe, euen make themſelues. I would ſee him to vndertake the *Ramage Lanner*, and with all his wiſdome make her ſeeme a Faulconers *Hawke* to the brooke, that will not make her ſelfe neither bee framed by another without both labour and skill indeed: truly hee ſhould deſerue much commendations for his well performing of this buſineſſe, and more then for any ſuch wherein as hee deemes is not required much Art, paines, or any great attendance. And for him that will bend his minde, and will be willing to practiſe herein, I will ſhew him my aduice, and the beſt directi-

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ons from my Author, or owne vnderſtanding that I may afford him.

It is not vnknowne but that the beſt metled *Hawke*, and higheſt flyer of any kinde, may bee abuſed and drawne downe farre from her wonted gate, as either with too much flying, or too hard feeding, as to be wearied, or as it were tyred out with too often and ouermuch toyling, or otherwiſe with hauing too great an edge and appetite ſet on them with impouerifhment, proceeding from too ſtraite a hand kept on them in their dyet and feeding. And for certaine, the moſt of the *Lanners* kinde are ſpoyled theſe wayes, and drawne cleane from their wings, and forced to flye about the mans head, and go to ſtand, and therefore although they be all of a hard kinde, yet they are not all alike, but do differ in their natures as much as others doe, which ought to be well reſpected, and eſpecially noted, the difference betweene the good metled *Hawke* and the bad, and to be ordered thereafter, and yet not in any ſort it is meet they ſhould be ſtarued; for there is no *Hawke*, and eſpecially of this kinde, that is too much pinched, but will leane and giue ouer

that thing which ſhe ſhould flye after, and take paines for, and more willingly returne backe to him againe that ſhe knowes well, hath, and alſo will, on little cauſe in the end reward her: and therefore when you haue your *Hawke* full and in good temper, the beſt courſe is and will be for you ſo to keepe her. And let her dyet be ſuch, and the quantitie thereof with a hand certaine and ſteadily kept on her; as that it may maintaine health and ſtrength to preſerue her; for hee that hath not ſo much diſcretion as to conſider of this order, and to gouerne and to vſe this *Hawke* thereafter, ſhall neuer haue her to flye certainly, but euen as ſhe is fed diſorderly, ſo ſhe will performe her ſeruice as careleſly. And this one other thing you ought to take notice of, which is, that as you do firſt vſe theſe kinde of *Hawkes* in their luring and training to their diet and feeding, ſo ſhal you for the moſt part finde by them in your further practiſe and dealing with them. Therefore when you ſhall haue one of them to deale withall, and that in her making you do finde her apt and forward to your liking, let her not bee much pincht howſoeuer you do in her dyet and feeding: and alſo be carefull to take good time in her training, with Doues giuen in a long creance for a while, that ſhe may kill them cloſe by you vntill her coy behauiour and wildneſſe be outer, and ſhe be growne familiar, and will ſuffer you without any coyneſſe or ſtaring to come in to her: Alſo let her be fed and rewarded of the ſame

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Doues ſhee kils, or with ſome other ſuch good meat, onely it being hot, let it be a little waſht as it were to giue a *Faulcon*, and no more; for you ſhal not need to carry ſo hard or ſtraight a hand as if you intended to flye her to the field. And with this courſe of ſo wel making, and other ſuch neceſſarie ordering, with caſting and ſtoning, as I haue formerly taught belonging, you ſhal keep her full, and lofty of life and ſpirit to hold her wings withall: And alſo if by nature there were euer any vpwardneſſe or high flying in her in the time of her wildneſſe, ſhe will both ſhew it and hold it, you may be aſſured of it; and then you may put her to the riuer, and hauing a good make *Hawke*, you ſhall wel quarrie her, and then ſhe will bee worthy the accounting of; and the *Faulconer* that hath ſo made her ſhall haue his due praiſe and commendations for his labour and paines taking ſo artificially with her, whereas otherwiſe if ſhe proue not a high flyer, yet there is no labour loſt; for ſhe may quickly change her diet, and with a ſtraighter order cauſe her to ſcraich amongſt *Spaniels* for the Partridge, which will alſo well counteruaile his labour.

## CHAP. XXVI.

### *Of the* Ramage Lanneret *for the Riuer or Field.*

Here is not much more to be ſaid for the *Ramage Lanneret*, then hath beene here preſcribed, and is ſpoken of the *Lanner*; for what method or order ſoeuer is meete and fitting for the one, the verie ſame ſerueth directly for the other, and hee alſo being well manned, loſed, trained, and made inward to the man, may be alſo ſlone to the Riuer; for verie many of them are verie ſpiritfull and vpward *Hawkes*, and being well quarried, proueth very ſure and certaine *Hawkes*, and good fowle-

fowle-ſlayers, and are verie fit to bee vſed as leaders.

Theſe *Hawkes* ought to bee kept as high and full of fleſh as may be, neuertheleſſe there ought ſpeciall regard to be had to the ſtomack alwayes, that with cleane food, caſting, and ſtones often (that) may bee held perfect to cauſe him maintain and performe his ſeruice after the beſt manner. But whoſoeuer can by his Art and labour beſt reclaime and make them to loue and be familiar with the *Spaniels* he ſhall vſe, and eſteeme of them as moſt meeteſt for the field, and the equalleſt match for the Partridge, but they are for the moſt part verie coy and fearfull of the *Spaniels*.

Yet neuertheleſſe of my owne knowledge, if you can bee charie of them at the firſt entring, and vntill they be well blouded and in loue with their game, although afterward they ſhould ſometimes by an vnruly *Spaniel* be depriued of their prey, yet they will ſlightly account of it, and remaine neuertheleſſe ſtill conſtant in their loue to the thing they formerly tooke delight in, if you will remember, and alwayes be mindfull, as I haue often told you, of the ſtomacke, that it may be hot and fiery, which will compell them onely to minde their ſeruice, and not to regard the ſight of the dogs, or any other thing; for you muſt eſpecially conſider, and further be mindfull, that the Partridge time is in the Summer, which is alwayes inclined to heat and hot weather, The Partridge.

weather, and therefore you muſt feed ſo much the cleaner, and waſh the harder to hold him in true ſubiection withall; whereas otherwiſe the other ſport is in the Winter, when as it is farre more ſharpe and colder: which muſt likewiſe be thought on, and your *Hawke* be ordered thereafter, and fed ſo much the better.

And whoſo will attaine true vnderſtanding, ought euermore to be mindfull of the difference of times and ſeaſons, and well to obſerue them, and then hee ſhall bee well able to gouerne his *Hawke* by art and diſcretion; whereas otherwiſe in being forgetfull thereof, or hauing little or no vnderſtanding of thoſe things, he ſhall not bee able to rule them by reaſon; for being as they are birds of the aire, which holds ſeldome certaine, they muſt be dieted and gouerned according to the changeable or conſtant temper of the ſeaſon, in Summer or Winter: and therefore if you do well bethinke your ſelfe, it is no eaſie matter, for euerie one to order and gouerne certainly, ſuch (a bodie) and hold it alwayes in temper, that is ſo mutable, and euer altereth as the weather; but he muſt bee expert in his Art, and alſo his Crafts-maſter: and ſo I will ceaſe to ſay any more of the *Ramage*, and proceed to the *Eyas*, of the ſame kinde.

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## CHAP. XXVII.

### *Of the* Eyas Lanner, *or* Lanneret.

I Will now conclude with the (*Eyas Hawke*) by which appears a difference betweene them in their ſeuerall natures, as well as in their contrary names or titles; all which I ſhall not neede to ſpeake of any further in this place, neither would it be any whit auaileable ſo to doe, but will proceed as briefe as I may, and out of my owne knowledge and vnderſtanding, gathered euen by little practiſe and obſeruation, ſhew how ſhee ought to bee made ready to be flowne to the field.

And whereas I haue formerly aduiſed that in all ſorts and kindes of *Hawkes* you ought firſt to

consider of their generation: Secondly, in your further labour and practise to finde out their nature, and how therein they are inclined: and thirdly, that being rightly and well perceiued, then to frame and fashion by Art and discretion your manner of course and dealing with them, according to the same. Likewise for this *Hawke* lastly and particularly here mentioned, you must consider that she was taken out of the nest very young, and after closely kept, fed, and familiarly trained vp onely by the man, whereby of necessity she must needs altogether forget her naturall damme that bredde her, and become louing and fond on him that brought her vp: Also this manner of breeding must needs cause her to differ much in the inclination of her body from the other, which as you haue heard were bred and trained vp by their damme after another fashion. Wherefore as your former drift and desire was onely by your Art and industry to reclaime them from their wildenesse, and draw their loues constantly vnto you; so now on the contrary you must bee as charie that in your teaching and training, you doe not altogether beſot this *Hawke*, that is in her owne nature too foolish and fond of you alreadie.

The Haggard or Ramage Hawkes.

And for that I shall not need to prescribe any rule or order for the reclaiming, luring, or any other thing concerning her first handling, I will proceed to the next instruction, which is this: when shee will come rudely to the Lure garnisht with

with meat, and alſo flye about you for the ſame: then let her kill two or three liue Doues at the Lure where they may haue ſome little ſcope to flicker and ſtirre about, whereby to giue her the more cauſe & incouragement to come to them; which when ſhe will do readily, & with an earneſt deſire prey vpon them, let her haue no more after that faſhion; but the next time when ſhe is prepared well for it, let her be lured from man to man, and as ſhee is comming giue her a field Doue in ſuch a creance as you know it cannot carrie quite away from you: then if ſhe doe rudely and eagerly flie after that and kill it, let her bee well rewarded on it; but after that let her haue no more vpward traines giuen vnto her, nor any other that ſhee may ſee to come from the man; for they be ſuch things onely that beſots, and abſolutely ſpoyles all thoſe kinde of *Hawkes*. For in euery mans vnderſtanding that hath any diſcerning or obſeruing knowledge, their bodies bee tempered with mettle of ſuch induration, as that their owne natures will afford and permit them euen to liue of any thing; which is the reaſon they want ſpirit and courage, and therefore are for the moſt part of a drowſie and dull diſpoſition; and what they are firſt taught and brought vnto, the ſame they will euerlaſtingly cleaue vnto, whether it bee good or bad, as to the very Lure and Hawking bag, with hauing or receiuing too much kindeneſſe, although but in ſcraps from them; they

will bee ſo tied and intangled in their loue and deſire towards them, as that afterwards with all the paines, Art, and skill that a man hath, hee ſhall neuer bee able to withdraw their feruent loue ſo deepely planted there, to bee ſet on any other thing, or placed otherwhere.

My meaning or intent is not to tye or binde you to this ſtrict limitation with euery *Hawke*, as iuſtlie to appoint how many Doues to giue and no more; but ſtill do deſire that you ſhould be mindefull, and alwaies remember the difference betweene the good metled *Hawke* and the bad, and ſo to vſe them in their training and euerie other way; but howſoeuer they ſhall appeare to you, neuertheleſſe by my aduice giue as few traines as poſſible you may to any field *Hawke* of this kinde, for the foreſaid occaſions, but euen ſo ſoon as they be taught to catch firſt readilie on the Lure, let them haue the reſt giuen vnſeild with ſome few feathers drawne from them, that they may kill them alwaies by the ground, without any mounting at all: Alſo from the fiſt, and out of the hood; and then ſo ſoone as ſhee will flie and truſſe readilie that way, leaue off that courſe, and ſhew her Partridge, and if it bee poſſible, let her haue ſome few from the hand, after the ſame manner: and there is no queſtion but with this courſe rightly obſerued, and well followed, you may make euen the veriest ſlugge of the dulleſt ſpirit, to become a good *Hawke*, as wel for the field and the

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Partridge, as otherwiſe to hold out and purſue a traine to the end from the mans hand.

I know there will bee an expectation at my hand of ſome rules of Phyſicke for theſe kinde of *Hawkes*, and the beſt anſwere that I neede to make vnto it, is this: Firſt, there is no ſound *Hawke* whatſoeuer, that ſhall haue need of any ſuch thing, vnleſſe it bee to confound her, that otherwiſe would doe well; and for theſe kinde of *Hawkes*, it goes hard with them when they ſhall haue any ſuch occaſion: and therefore by my counſell, let euerie man that hath his *Hawke* ſound and well, ſtriue and bee carefull to keepe her ſo; for it is farre more eaſier to doe ſo, then when he hath through negligence or euill order abuſed or put her out of temper, to amend her with Phyſicke againe: neither can he euer doe it, vnleſſe in ſome appliment for an apparant outward accident; but otherwiſe, for anie inward medicine, let it be euen cleane food, well waſht, and ſtones with diſcretion, and once in a weeke to the full and hard *Hawke*; and on a reſting day, ioyne ſome Salendine with them, to cleanſe and purge her of ſuch glut, and other imperfection as thoſe *Hawkes* be moſt ſubiect vnto, and haue gathered, with reſt or full feeding before.

Likewiſe for the *Goſhawke* or *Taſſell*, I haue put you in minde alreadie, that they alſo be free from diuers dangerous diſeaſes that are ordinarie and common with other *Hawkes*, as to be apparantlie liuer-ſhot, or to haue the Fellanders, or

the Crocke, with others more; and to ſpeake truely, if it bee their fortunes to light firſt into a wiſemans hand, he will keepe anie of them euen all her life time, which are many yeeres, and ſhe ſhall neuer haue ſurfet, ſickneſſe, or any one diſeaſe or other befall vnto her, vnleſſe it bee by ſome ſtrange accident, as in her flying through boughs, buſhes, thornes or ſuch like, which is no way to be preuented by her keeper, for that ſhe is then vnder her owne gouernment and diſpoſing; for they be all of ſo ſtrong and ſound a conſtitution after they bee once mued, as that they are euermore preſerued and kept in health by the verie force, ſtrength, and vertue of their owne nature, by reaſon whereof there is little cauſe why they ſhould be medicined at all.

And whereas I haue heretofore diſcourſed & ſhewed ſufficientlie of them in euery reſpect, as how to take them from the mew being fat and full, or otherwiſe from the cage, or elſewhere, and how to order them accordinglie without any medicine or ſcowring at all: And whereas many men holds an opinion, that when they haue drawne their *Hawke* from the

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mew, it is not possible to make her cleane and readie to flie without two or three scowrings: in the meane while, I thinke I haue said enough for that before, and also shewed a farre better way, and therefore I shall not neede to say anie more in this place; and also let me aduise euerie young man that wishes well to the sport, and would be a *Faulconer*, that hee doe neuer giue anie manner of scowring or medicine to a sound *Hawke*, how fat or full soeuer shee be; for there is an olde rule or saying in Physicke, which is, The whole needes no Physitian: and for the *Hawke* I can maintaine it, for I neuer yet knew that euer it did good to any one, but otherwise hath much distempered them, and hazarded their liues; nay otherwise taken it quite away, that else before were in no danger at all. Neuertheless, for that euery one is not of the same opinion, but doth otherwise dispose of himselfe, and determine to practise on very little or no occasion: I will here for such griefes as these kinde of *Hawkes* be subiect vnto, set downe so many medicines, as through occasion I haue found by experience to be most conuenient and necessary to be applied or giuen vnto them.

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# *Lathams* approued Medicines, *incident to all* Hawkes *mentioned* in this Booke.

## CHAP. XXVIII:

### *Of the cold in the head, or the* Rye.

OF all the diſeaſes that belongs to theſe *Hawkes*, there bee onely three that they bee moſt ſubiect vnto, which is the *Rye*, the *Crampe*, and the *Craye*; and being once taken and continued any ſeaſon, they will bee very hard euer after to bee recouered: Therefore the beſt way will be for the keeper euermore to bee mindfull and carefull to preuent their infection, before any of them hath laid hold, or ſeazed on his *Hawke*; which he may very eaſily do if he will bee mindfull and watchfull ouer them, and through his foreſeeing knowledge bee carefull to auoid the occaſion. All theſe infirmities be in a manner taken one way, and proceed of one cauſe which is cold, and after this manner they bee ingendred: the *Crampe* and the *Rye* followeth after the *Hawke* hath beene hard ſtone and laboured, eſpecially in the Winter time, in wet and drie, when as afterward they bee ſet vp or

downe to reſt the night time, in ſome moiſt or damp place, low, neere vnto ſome earthen floore; wherefore it is neceſſarie that you be euermore carefull to ſet them vp as high as you can in ſuch places, and vpon ſome thing or other that they may reſt warme vpon, after their bodies and bloud hath beene extraordinarily heat and chafed, to preuent that danger; for they will not brooke to ſit in the night time neere to the moiſt earth as other *Hawkes* will doe, and it hath oft times cauſed the *Crampe* to lay hold vpon euerie ioynt and limme of the whole bodie; and for that I haue alreadie written ſo largely of the ſame diſeaſe, and what may be done for the recouerie of it, I will here ſay no more, but that the beſt courſe is through care and diligence to ſeeke to preuent the comming of it. Alſo for the *Rye* that is taken through the ſame occaſion, and is a faſt ſeiled griefe and ſtuffing in the head; and will, if it bee not quickly found, and as ſuddenly looked vnto, grow either to a dry frownce or a wet, or otherwiſe a continuall moiſt humour, which will hardly be euer cured; for example, I had a *Hawke* ſent me the laſt Michaelmaſſe from Sir *William Wooddowes*, winking of one eye, the which proceeded of a continuall cold in the head, as I plainly perceiued; and after I had a little looſened it by one couer that was growne in the cheſt of his Pallat, and another cloſe by his eare, on the ſame ſide that hee winked on, which I tooke away; and alſo was

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inforced to burne one of his nares to open that which was quite ſtopt vp, I vſed all the meanes I could to purge and cleanſe it, and he ceaſed not euery other day to throw and caſt out ſome filth, and in time ſo much, as it is not to be imagined or ſpoken of, during the time vntill after the Chriſtmas following, and then it ceaſed and dried vp on the ſudden. This plainly ſhewes what a fault and ouer-ſight it is in any man that will not when he may, ſo eaſily preuent ſuch things before they do come, or otherwiſe when they are taken to be careleſſe and vnmindfull to eſpie them, but to let them runne and grow on vntill they bee vnrecouerable; therefore whenſoeuer you ſhall by any meanes haue ſuch an *Hawke* that is any whit ſtuft in the head, looke that you deferre no time to breake it, leſt further or the like inconuenience do grow thereon as I haue ſhewed you, and for recouery thereof, this will bee your beſt courſe.

## Chap. XXIX.

### *Of the* Rye *or ſtuffing in the Head.*

FIrſt, you muſt bee verie carefull that ſhe may alwayes ſit warme, and eſpecially in the night time, and alſo that ſhee may euermore be fed with hot meat, and fire as often as may be; for it likewiſe giue her now and then at euening with her meat, two or three bruiſed cloues of Mace; the which is one verie good thing againſt the ſame diſeaſe, and will alſo ſweetly perfume her whole bodie and breath, and ſharpen her appetite: alſo vſe her to freſh butter that hath beene quickly gathered, and ſhall bee well clarified ouer a chafing-diſh of coales, with a little Rue and Saffron in powder, and good ſtore of Sugarcandie well tempered altogether; let her haue this with her meat euermore a little at a time, and it will preſently looſen her, and cauſe her to ſnite and throw with her head; which when you perceiue, then take the iuyce of Dazie roores, and with a ſtraw blow it hard into her nares a prettie while before you intend to feede her; then afterward when ſhe is at quiet againe, let her haue her dinner

ner in her foot that shee may lyer well on it, and this will certainly amend her; for although this iuice of Dazies is a common medicine, yet it will purge and cleanse the head being loosened before as well as any thing whatsoeuer. Blow into her nares with a straw, the iuyce of Sage three mornings in the weeke; it is very good to draw downe tough slime out of the head. I could set downe diuers other things more stronger, but in them there is some danger; and in this there is none at all, but will worke to good purpose, and cause a good conclusion.

## Chap. XXX.

### *Of the* Craye.

THis diſeaſe or infirmitie that wee call or terme the *Craye*, is of an exiccatiue or aſtringent qualitie, drying & binding in the *Hawke*, which cauſeth her not to mute or ſlice from her according as naturally ſhee ought to do, but otherwiſe to drop farre ſhort ſome part of it diſperſt aſunder from the other; and alſo paſſes not clearly with eaſe, but comes harſhly and hardly from her; all which ſignes and ſhewes are apparant and eaſie to bee perceiued. And therefore the Keeper is ſo much the more to be blamed that ſhall deferre any time, and ſuffer the cure thereof to bee neglected; for by that meanes the griefe is growne to be more dangerous and deadly: whereas otherwiſe it is of no moment, but may bee verie eaſily amended; for you are to remember that this particular infirmitie proceeds alſo of cold, as the other doth that I haue before named, but yet after another faſhion: For I let you know before, that both the *Crampe* and the *Rye* cometh by taking cold: And this which now I ſpeake of, is taken by a continuance of groſſe and cold waſht meat that

that is giuen the *Hawke* to feed vpon, which this kinde will not endure or laſt withall; for it will conſume them inwardly where it cannot be ſeene, as in thoſe places, and after the manner as ſhall appeare hereafter plaine vnto you. It is not vnknown but that the gorge of the *Hawke* is the firſt place and onely receptacle or harbour of ſuch ſuſtenance as ſhe alwayes takes to nouriſh her whole body withall, and is vnto her as a maine and cleane conduit, the which being filled with pure and cleare liquor, it is not tainted or made vnſauorie there, but let paſſe in due time further into ſmaller veſſels, more fine then it was before, to ſerue for other vſes: Euen ſo on the contrarie it is with the *Hawke*; for if her gorge bee filled with ſtale and groſſe cold meat, contrarie to her naturall inclination, it will ſoone grow vnſauourie there, and her ſtomacke will abhorre to entertaine it, and alſo the other more ſecret paſſages will bee annoyed thereby, which will quickly turne to her deſtruction. As for example, I haue knowne diuers *Hawkes* that haue died on this occaſion, whoſe inward and inuiſible infirmitie hath neuer beene miſtruſted, but onely hath practiſed and wrought on the tuel for remedie; neuertheleſſe when ſhee hath beene opened, the verie gorge hath beene like vnto chawk with the pannell, and the next venting place into the ſmall guts hath beene euen burnt & eaten with heat like vnto the Frownce, which was the cauſe her excrements wanted

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free paſſage: all which proceed from ſuch vnnaturall ſtale diet as the ſtomacke could not well brooke, and were repugnant to their naturall diſpoſition; for there is no ſuch kinde of groſſe food giuen, although the gorge will with greedineſſe receiue it, yet afterwards the ſtomacke will bee choice and vnwilling to taſte of it, as you may well perceiue when it hath beene kept ſo long as that it begins to waxe windie, ſowre, and diſtaſtfull, & by the courſe of nature would faine bee eaſed and emptied of ſome part thereof, which doth ſo much annoy and offend her; as you may ſee by her often writhing and ſtriuing to remoue it, and put it downe into the pannell: and when ſhe hath in ſome meaſure ſo done, through natures violent forcing, yet it is alſo therein ſo long detained, and vnkindly digeſted, as that by vertue of it, ſhe doth not win to her ſelfe any naturall or kindly comfort; but otherwiſe euill imperfections and humours of moyſture doth ariſe thereon, which aſcends vp into the head, whereby all that part is moleſted: otherwiſe there is left downwards much vnnaturall heat and oppilations or ſtoppings that infects the bodie and ſecret paſſages; whereupon this diſeaſe which wee call the *Craye* doth proceed, with many others. Wherefore it behoueth euery man to reſpect his *Hawke* better, then at any time to cloye or clog her with ſuch groſſe and vnkindly feeding, but otherwiſe with care to giue her her due as neere as hee may, according

Her ſtomacke.

according to her deſeruing and naturall diſpoſi-
tion; withall further obſeruing other ſuch ne-
ceſſary courſes belonging in due time and ſea-
ſon, as I haue in many places appointed by pre-
ſcriptions, and in ſo doing hee ſhall neuer haue
need to take care for eyther ſcowring or medi-
cine, but ſhall euermore haue his *Hawke* accor-
ding to his owne liking, full lofty and ſtrong,
well able to performe her buſineſſe after the beſt
manner; whereas the other that ſhall be careleſſe
and forgetfull, & is well pleaſed if hee may pam-
per her with any thing, and is as vnreſpectiue of
other wants or needes appertaining: hee ſhall
ſeldome or neuer haue his *Hawke* perfect and
healthfull, but euer out of tune and vnfitte
to doe any thing; whereas before through ill
dyet and diſorder, your *Hawke* caught this diſ-
eaſe, ſo now on the contrary, and eſpecially, by
meanes of better vſage and good diet, with ſome
other applyment, you muſt reſtore her to health
againe: wherefore ſo ſoone as it is perceiued, you
muſt remember that you are not onely to de-
ſtroy and kill the *Craye* alone, but alſo ſuch o-
ther euils as waites and partakes with that in the
vnnaturall working the poore *Hawkes* deſolati-
on, which is cold and moiſt, raw humours aſ-
cending vp into the head, and otherwiſe vnna-
turall heat and drowth, with oppilations or
ſtoppings poſſeſſing the body and interiour paſ-
ſages; all which ought to be particularly conſi-
dered of, and your remedy prepared and apply-

ed accordingly. Then firſt you muſt bethinke your ſelfe of her diet, that it may be of light and coole meates, eaſie to be digeſted, as of Hennes fleſh, Chickens, young Pigeons, Rabbets, new Sheepes hearts, Porke, Pig of the ſhoulder and the heart: then muſt you prouide the ſweeteſt freſh butter of the neweſt gathering that may be, and boyle and ſcum it well with halfe a ſcore bruiſed cloues of mace in it; and when you haue ſo done, in the cooling put in a little of the powder of Rue, and ſo keepe it cloſe in a boxe, and as often as you doe feed, annoint her meat therewith, the oftner the better, ſo that the gorges be eaſie, according to the *Hawkes* abilitie, and the power of the infirmitie: and for certaine, this will not faile onely to open and looſen the head, but alſo diſperſe thoſe other humours in the body, and ſcowre them away that was cauſe of the ſundry diſeaſes. Now when you haue ſeene this buſineſſe thus well effected in the head by her countenance and other appearance there; and alſo that ſhee mutes and ſlices well from her againe, neuertheleſſe it may well be her head was but onely looſened, will haue ſome need alſo to be better purged, and clearely cleanſed. Likewiſe for the body & inward paſſages, although they were or are newly ſcowred, yet neuertheleſſe they may require ſome more labour therin, and alſo to be throughly cooled. Therefore as you ſhall ſee cauſe, firſt in the head by ſnufling or ſniting, or any other figues, vſe the iuyce of

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Daſies or Sage, to cauſe her throw it forth the ſooner; but if you perceiue the humour to continue neuertheleſſe moiſt ſtill, then put to the iuyce a little of the powder of duſt of Brimſtone to dry it vp withall, and ſhe ſhall doe well. Likewiſe for the body and inward places, giue with her meate the diſtilled water of either Horehound or Woodbine, or the water of Barley, that I haue preſcribed in my other booke, and ſhee ſhall bee well, and her body moderately cooled, and in good temper againe.

## Chap. XXXI.

### *Of the Eye.*

He *Goſhawke* as you know is a fierce ſpirited, & faſt flying *Hawke* if ſhe haue naturally a true loue and liking to her prey: and for that ſhe is moſt commonly vſed to flye through the height of higheſt & thickeſt woods, where the game that ſhee beſt loues, moſt often vſes; and becauſe the eye and onely ornament of her body is her chiefe guide in thoſe places, and is ſo deare and precious a Iewell vnto her, it were great pitty that it ſhould miſcarry or be blemiſht by any misfortune. Therefore fearing or miſdoubting that any ſuch euill accident ſhould befall, I will ſhew you a ſure medicine to amend it withall,

## Chap. XXXII.

*For the* Eye *that ſhall haue any hurt by accident or otherwiſe to grow vpon it.*

Take a thunderbolt, the which is found moſt commonly in the fields, in ſome channell or water-courſe, by which means it is there laid open from the earth, and is eaſily to be perceiued, and put it into a hot fire and burne it well; then when it is cold againe, beat it to fine powder, and ſearce or ſift it through a faire linnen cloth, then mingle it with ſweet butter indifferently, and on any occaſion put as much or the quantity of two little pins heads morning and euening into the *Hawkes* eye; and if any thing whatſoeuer will doe it good, this will not faile to doe the like. Alſo you may at theſe times blow it into the eye with a ſtraw, and it is as good, and will as ſpeedily worke any thing forth, or recouer any thing that is growing, or amiſſe in that place.

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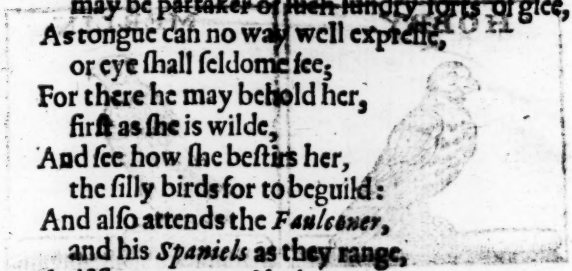
## Chap. XXXIII.

### *Of the* Hobby *and the* Marlion.

THere is yet this Caſt of little *Hawkes*, the which I haue not ſo much as once named; the one is belonging to the young man, the other pertaining to the Lady: and in my opinion are moſt equally matcht one with the other, in regard whereof, it were great pitty they ſhould bee parted euer, but euen flye for the prey by turnes together; not you know where, I do not meane, for then the young man perforce muſt mount aloft indeed, at which the Lady would be as lowly diſpleaſed to ſee her *Marlion* ſo put downe in the lofty flight: But what do I meane

to skip ſo farre beyond my Art? let mee courteouſly craue pardon and fauour, to leaue the Lady and her *Hawke* together, as birds with whom I neuer had, nor haue no skill to deale at all; and withdraw the yong man and his *Hobbie*
Into the Champian fields, where he
may be partaker of ſuch ſundry ſorts of glee,
As tongue can no way well expreſſe,
or eye ſhall ſeldome ſee;
For there he may behold her,
firſt as ſhe is wilde,
And ſee how ſhe beſtirs her,
the ſilly birds for to beguild:
And alſo attends the *Faulconer*,
and his *Spaniels* as they range,
As if ſhe were mand before;
which is a thing moſt ſtrange,
That ſuch a bird
that neuer was in hand,
Should wait ſo long, and ſtoop ſo oft,
and neuer goe to ſtand.
And furthermore,
neither to be ſerued,
But ſo let goe without reward
that hath ſo well deſerued.
Yet neuertheleſſe this louing *Hawke*
will take no offence at all,
But on the morrow next will as ready be
to come when he ſhall call:
But to vncouple his *Spaniels*
after his wonted guiſe,



Many a true labouring ſeruant hath beene caſt off with a Bunting that hath deſerued a Larke for his reward.

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To ſpring the fearefull Partridge
that in the ſtubble lies:
Or elſe the mounting Larke,
which ſoone the *Hobbie* ſpies,
And beats from ground with all her might,
vp to the lofty skies;
Which then for to behold,
no mirth you may compare,
Vnto the *Hobbie* and the Larke
thus ſtriuing in the ayre.
Vntill the harmeleſſe bird
being wearied with the flight,
Is forc't with clipped wings together,
to throw her ſelfe downe right.
Whereat the *Hawke* doth ioy,
and dallies by the way,
Yet long before they come to ground,
ſhe makes of her a prey.

For the Partridge, the *Haggard* of this kinde is beſt, and may moſt certainly be made a ſpeciall *Hawke* for the ſame; ſhee muſt be taught and trained in each degree like vnto the *Faulcon*, and muſt be carefull not to flye her after eight a clocke in the morning, eſpecially if the Sunne breake out in any heate; for if you doe, ſhee will fall to ſoring and be loſt, and muſt be ſought vp againe where ſhe was firſt taken. Alſo in the afternoone you may begin at two, if the day be temperate, and Hawke with her vntill it be neere the ſetting of the Sunne; but if ſhe be flowne any longer,

longer, ſhe will likewiſe fall to dorring, and bee loſt, but otherwiſe with this obſeruation and good order in her diet, ſhee will ſhew her ſelfe a *Hawke* to pleaſe a Prince; for you may flye her twenty times in the afternoone, when nò other *Hawkes* will flye but muſt be waited on: yet a little longer, then may you put her to it, as either to the Partridge, the Quaile, the Clot bird in the fallow fields which is a very fat and a dainty bird much like vnto the Martine, the Warwinckle, which is a pyed bird, and vſes moſt in paſture-ground, or other champane places, whereas growes great and tall buſhes, one ſome place or diſtance from the other; whereas I haue ſeene an hundred ſtoopings vpon one of the ſame birds before it could be kild, which is moſt excellent ſport, and full of delight; for if the buſhes ſtands not ſome reaſonable diſtance apart, the bird will be ſo terrified at the ſight of the *Hobbie*, as you may almoſt take it with your hand, and when you thinke it meet, in the end you may kill it with a ſtone bow, and throw it to the *Hawke*. Alſo for the Larke I am not able with my pen to expreſſe the delight and paſſing pleaſure that is in that flight, but indeede the *Eyas* is the very beſt for the mount; for after ſhe hath but wrought three or foure ſeeled Larkes, and preyed on them, ſhee will neuer giue ouer, but worke into the high tyre after the Larke, ſo it be in a champane and plain country; for there the policie and drift of the bird that nature hath

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taught her, is, by being ſo exceeding high, and vpon a circle or wide turne of the *Hobbie*, to ſtretch away to ſome kinde of couert to ſhrowd and ſuccour her ſelfe thereby, by which meanes ſometimes they are preſerued from their mercileſſe enemy, but more often are deceiued, and do loſe their liues in the mid-way.

When you are diſpoſed to haue one of theſe *Hawkes* to make to this flight, you muſt make your choice of the formall, and take her from the neſt a little before ſhe is able to ſit vpon the ſide of the ſame; then muſt you prouide and make another neſt, and place it on ſome tree in either Orchard or Garden, where it may bee ſafe; and there ſhe muſt be fed by the man with bits giuen on the ſharpe end of a ſtick, vntill ſhe be growne able to ſtand ſtiffely on her legs, and to pull hard for the meat ſhe ſhall eat; at which time, as you ſhall further finde her ſtrength and ableneſſe, the neſt being no higher but that a man may well reach it, ſhee muſt bee taught by your Art and voyce in luring, to come to the lure from thence, if it be but a foot at a time at the firſt, and ſo afterward by degrees, as you do find her more ſtronger, to teach her to come further; and after this manner ſhe muſt be tutered vntill ſhe will come from the neſt to your voyce ſo farre as ſhee can heare, and flye vpon you, attending ſtill on her wings where you will haue her, and vntill you perceiue her to be full ſound, when as you muſt haue your hood, Ieſſebuites, and bels, with other

ornaments belonging to decke and furniſh her withall; which being done, ſhe muſt bee made more gentle and acquainted with the hood, and carriage continually on the fiſt: then muſt you prouide ſome Larks to traine her withall, but not one to be ſeene come from the fiſt or hand, but hauing before kild two or three on the lure, let her go at firſt from the hood to a traine that muſt bee in a creance of browne threed, and as high as a tall tree before you do vnhood her to it. When as you ſhall finde her ſo apt and forward to that ſport, as by that time ſhe hath but enioyed two or three after that manner, ſhe will go to her buſineſſe ſo willingly, and with ſuch delight and pleaſure, as it would euen rauiſh the minde and ſences of her keeper, or other ſpectator; then hauing thus well taught and trained her, afterward when you do not vſe or flye her, you may ſuffer her to take her pleaſure abroad both day and night continually, or as you ſhall ſee cauſe, alwayes remembring that you feed her not at home for a while at the firſt, but otherwiſe by your lure or voyce to draw her abroad ſome quarter or half mile, and there feed and leaue her; And for certaine, when ſhe hath fed, feaked, and reioyced, ſhe will repaire ſuddenly backe to the place where ſhee was bred vp by the man, and trained. Alſo, on reſting dayes when ſhe is gorged, if you will obſerue her, you ſhall ſee her vſually in the heat of the day to flie and ſoare ſo high, as it will not be poſſible to view or behold her;

her; by which meanes with her naturall education together, ſhe wil be as perfect in knowledge of the countrey, as the wilde *Haggard* her naturall damme that bred her, and you ſhall not need after to feare or loſe or leaue her behinde you any where within foure or fiue miles, with her prey in her foot, but ſo ſoone as ſhe hath concluded, ſhe will returne to the place of her firſt training againe. And this courſe ſhe will hold moſt certaine and conſtantly vntill the weeke before Michaelmas, but no longer, and then ſhe will as her owne nature ſhall leade her, be gone, if you giue her any liberty, and truſt her abroad.

But to return to the *Haggard*, as there be ſome of them excellent for this flight of high mounting, ſo likewiſe there are other ſome that in their naturall vnderſtanding and cunning will deſire and ſeeke after aduantage, as to bee high flowne on their wings, and from them, and after that manner to conquer their prey, but otherwiſe wil not go from the fiſt to the mowtie at all: alſo for their diet, it would be of cleane waſhed mutton, or ſuch other like meat, when they flie not; for they be as hard *Hawkes* as any be, and muſt bee ſtoned and ſet to a ſound ſtomacke when they ſhould flie. And ſo I will leaue them as the moſt rare and excellent birds of the world for the young mans vſe, who cannot well brooke or endure to be tied to any certaintie, as to be limited or appointed by preſcription, when or at what times hee ſhall begin or end his ſport and plea-

ſure in Hawking.

Whereas altogether through the perſwaſion of my friends, I conſented at firſt, though vnwilling to vndertake this buſineſſe, euen ſo afterward, as vnaduiſedly and raſhly, without any foreſight, or conſideration of the ſubiects I was to treat of, or ground whereon I might ſafely build my foundation, I haue laboured and trauelled a long time, vneaſily, and with much wearineſſe in my iourney; neuertheleſſe am now wel refreſhed and comforted that I wandered not from the line that was laid mee, or the rough or rugged path that was likewiſe appointed to direct me: and therefore if I may with ſimple requeſt perſwade thee honeſt Reader, not to grudge at my good will, but cenſure better of me, I ſhall heartily thanke thee for thy loue, and ſo I ſit downe to reſt me.

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# *The Epilogue,*

## Wherein is contained the opinion of a worthie Diuine, S. *I.* and compoſed by himſelfe, concerning this and the like *Subiect.*

*I Haue alwayes thought* Hunting *and* Hawking, *and the like exerciſes indifferent, with Zealous* * Deering, *perſwading my ſelfe that the ſmelling of the* Dogge, *the flying of the* Hawke, *the Antipathie amongſt the Creatures, how euer it was produced by the fall of man, yet nauertheleſſe that God in his mercie alloweth, and in his wiſe prouidence diſpoſeth euen of theſe contrarieties and Antipathies, as well as of the Sympathies of the creatures, for the good and vſe of* man, *his Lieutenant and Vicegerent ouer the works of his hands. And for* Hunting, *more ſpecially it is my opinion (if not iudgement) that* * Iſaac *would not haue tollerated, much leſſe commanded* Eſaus hunting, *if it had beene ſinfull. Secondly, it is lawfull to kill the Creature in Chriſtian libertie,* Deere *or* Hare, *or the like, for meat or medicine: yea ſo to kill them*

* In the beginning of his Lectures vpon the Hebrews.

* Gen. 27.4

*as they may be moſt vſefull and behoofefull for man, which is done better by chaſe or courſe, then either by* Gins *or* ſhooting, (*as experience ſhewes*) *and (as ſome ſcrupulouſly obiect) this is not to tyrannize ouer the creature in putting it by continuance of chaſe or courſe, to a more laſting paine, but rather to leſſen (euen as he that dies by degrees in a conſumption, or that bleeds to death, dies more eaſily then then he that is hewne with a* * 1. Sam. 15. 33. *ſword, as* Samuel *did** Agag, *all at once) well the ground being the legitimation of this exerciſe, as many arguments may conuince, if it ſhould be contradicted (the circumſtances of time, place, perſons, duly and truly obſerued): now becauſe theſe exerciſes are groſſely and ſinfully abuſed by many looſe and licentious perſons, that obſerue no circumſtances (which vſually make or marre the actions) they vſing it moſt that ſtand in leaſt need; in reſpect of any calling or imployment they haue, or vndertake, to wearie their ſpirits, or ſpend their bodie or braine, hauing their hearts ſo taken vp, and affections intangled with it, as they ſpend and miſpend their golden and precious time, two or three whole dayes in a weeke, making recreation halfe, if not all their vocation, trade, and occupation, turning all their meat into ſauce, yea the Sabbath it ſelfe, which ſhould be dedicated to God and good duties, being prophaned and polluted by the diſcourſes of their chaſes and courſes with their hounds and horſes, or courſers; I ſay, becauſe ſuch idle libertines do abuſe this honeſt and harmleſſe*

leſſe exerciſe, as it hath euer been accounted,* may it not therefore be lawfully and conſcionably vſed with moderation by a Magiſtrate, or Minister, or Lawyer, or Student, or any other ſeriouſly imployed, which in any function heat their braines, waſt their bodies, weaken their ſtrength, weary their ſpirits; that as a meanes (and bleſſing from God) by it their decayed ſtrength may be reſtored, their vitall and animall ſpirits quickened, refreſhed, and reuiued; their health preſerued, and they better inabled (as a Bow vnbended for ſhooting) to the diſcharging of theſe weighty charges impoſed vpon them. Who will denie this, but either thoſe that are blockiſhly ignorant, ignorantly or blindly zealous, viciouſly profane, ſplenitively malicious, or critically, if not hypocritically cenſorious? that will be taxing and condemning, and ſhooting their bruta fulmina, fooliſh Bolts, as mad men their darts, againſt thoſe whom they hate or emulate, whether there bee cauſe or no.

* Romanis ſolemne virisopus, vtile fumæ, vitæq; & membris, &c. Horace. Lege Natalem Comitem de Venat in fine Mythiolog.

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